

POPE BIDS FAREWELL

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RIO DE JANEIRO (AP) — An estimated 3 million people poured onto Rio's Copacabana beach on Sunday for the final Mass of Pope Francis' historic trip to his home continent, cheering the first Latin American pope in one of the biggest turnouts for a papal Mass in recent history.



Pope Francis holds his papal crucifix concluding Mass on the Copacabana beachfront in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, July 28, 2013.

(AP Photo/Luca Zennaro)

Speaking from a white stage and looking out over the enormous crowd, Francis urged young Catholics to go out and spread their faith "to the fringes of society, even to those who seem farthest away, most indifferent."

"The church needs you, your enthusiasm, your creativity and the joy that is so characteristic of you!" he said to applause in his final homily of World Youth Day.

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CLOUD OF UNCERTAINTY

Treasury's Lew says Congress must pass debt limit

U.S. Treasury Secretary Jacob Lew listens to a question during a media conference at EU headquarters in Brussels. Congress needs to raise the debt limit and take away the "cloud of uncertainty" about the nation's ability to pay its bills, Lew said in an interview broadcast Sunday, July 28, 2013. "The fight over the debt limit in 2011 hurt the economy... Congress needs to do its job. It needs to finish its work on appropriation bills. It needs to pass a debt limit," he said.

(AP Photo/Virginia Mayo)
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US announces resumption of Mideast talks

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JERUSALEM (AP) — The U.S. on Sunday announced the resumption of Israeli-Palestinian talks following years of stalemate, after Israel's Cabinet agreed to release 104 Palestinian prisoners convicted of deadly attacks.

The return to direct contacts between the sides

gave U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry his first concrete achievement after months of shuttle diplomacy. The U.S. said preliminary talks would begin Monday, but it remains unclear whether they will lead to a formal resumption of peace talks that broke down in 2008.

Despite a return to the table, neither side appeared

upbeat.

Each has blamed the other for the lack of success in 20 years of negotiations interrupted by bouts of violence.

Earlier Sunday, the Israeli Cabinet voted 13-7, with two abstentions, to approve in principle the release of 104 Palestinian prisoners.

The release is a key part of

the Kerry-brokered deal to restart peace talks.

The State Department said Kerry called Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas after the Cabinet vote and invited them to send teams to Washington.

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Pope Francis waves as he rides in his popemobile along the Copacabana beachfront in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, Sunday, July 28, 2013. Francis wrapped up a historic trip to his home continent Sunday with the World Youth Day's concluding Mass on Copacabana beach that drew a reported 3 million people. (AP Photo/Victor R. Caivano)

Pope draws 3M in Rio, one of largest papal Masses



Nuns wade in the Copacabana beach water, in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, Sunday, July 28, 2013. (AP Photo/Nicolas Tanner)

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The pope's trip, which ends when he takes off for Rome Sunday night, was hailed as a great success by clergy, pilgrims and everyday Brazilians alike. The pope's nonstop agenda was followed live on television for all seven days. His good nature and modesty clearly charmed the nation that has more Catholics than any other.

"This trip was a success. It was great to see the pope on his continent, in his house, speaking his language every day," said the Rev. Federico Lombardi, the Vatican spokesman.

"It's been a great experience to see this pope being even more spontaneous in his own house ... so comfortable in what he was doing."

Nearly the entire 4 kilometer (2.5 mile) crescent of Copacabana's broad beach overflowed with flag-waving faithful, some of them taking an early morning dip in the Atlantic and others tossing T-shirts, flags and soccer jerseys into the pontiff's open-sided car as he drove by. Francis worked the crowd, kissing babies, taking a sip of mate tea handed up to him and catching gifts on

the fly.

Even the normally stern-faced Vatican bodyguards let smiles slip as they jogged alongside Francis' car, caught up in the enthusiasm of the crowd.

The numbers clearly overwhelmed the area's services: The stench of garbage and human waste hung in Rio's humid air, and the beach and adjoining chic Atlantic Avenue looked like an improvised refugee camp plunked down in the middle of one of the most beautiful cities in the world. Copacabana's famous mosaic sidewalks were strewn with trampled cardboard, plastic bags, empty

water bottles and cookie wrappers as trash collectors in orange uniforms tried to restore order.

"You'd think they could at least put their garbage in all the bins," said Jose da Silva, a 75-year-old retired farm worker who supplements his meager income by collecting empty cans for recycling. "I'm also pretty surprised that people who call themselves Christians would throw away all this food."

Many of the youngsters on hand for the Mass spent the night on the beach, an all-night slumber party to end the Catholic youth fest, with pilgrims wrapped in flags and sleeping bags to ward off the cold. They danced, prayed and sang — and waited in long lines in front of the armadas of portable bathrooms along the beachfront.

"We were dying of cold but it was worth it," said Lucrecia Grillera, an 18-year-old from Cordoba, Argentina, where Francis lived for a time before becoming pope. "It was a tiring day, but it was a great experience."

By morning, vendors hawking World Youth Day trinkets, T-shirts, hats and flags were doing brisk business as pilgrims snapped up souvenirs before heading home. Jehovah's Witnesses stood by stands stocked with pamphlets offering to

explain "What does the Bible really teach" but they had few takers.

The Vatican said more than 3 million people were on hand for the Mass, based on information from World Youth Day organizers and local authorities who estimated two-thirds were from outside Rio. That was far higher than the 1 million at the last World Youth Day in Madrid in 2011 or the 850,000 at Toronto's 2002 concluding Mass.

Only Pope John Paul II's Mass during his 1995 visit to Manila, the capital of the Philippines, topped Rio's numbers, with an estimated 5 million people taking part. Third place among papal Masses now goes to Rome World Youth Day in the 2000 Jubilee year, when 2 million people participated. A similar number attended John Paul's final Mass in Krakow, his Polish hometown, in 1979, during his first visit to his homeland as pope.

Not all of Sunday's attendees were paying attention to the Mass: Kids posed for random photos with people holding flags, snoozed and packed up their makeshift camps.

Finding food was a core concern, with long lines of bedraggled pilgrims snaking out of cafes and ice cream vendors being mobbed by youths starved for breakfast. □

Flossie: Tropical storm warning for Hawaiian Islands

HONOLULU (AP) — Tropical Storm Flossie moved westward Sunday across the central Pacific toward Hawaii, where a tropical storm warning has been issued for Hawaii and Maui counties.

Flossie has maximum sustained winds near 65 mph with higher gusts, the National Weather Service said. It's moving toward the islands at about 20 mph and landfall could come after midnight Monday.

The advisories for Hawaii and Maui counties were in place as of 11 p.m. Saturday, meaning tropical storm-force sustained winds of 39 mph or more are expected within 36 hours. Oahu is under a tropical storm watch, which means tropical storm conditions are expected within 48 hours.

Flossie's center was expected to pass near the Big Island and Maui on Monday and then south of Oahu several hours later.

A flash flood watch was issued for all islands from Monday morning through Tuesday night, according to the Honolulu Star Advertiser (<http://bit.ly/15RIory>).

The storm could drop up to 15 inches of rain to windward areas of Maui and Hawaii counties, and 6 to 10 inches in other areas, forecasters said. Up to a foot of rain could fall on windward Oahu and 4 to 8 inches in central and leeward areas. Kauai may see 2 to 4 inches of rain, with up to 6 inches on windward slopes.

"Rock and mudslides caused by the rainfall will be possible around or near mountain slopes. The heavy rain will also fall over urban areas in the lower elevations, which will be more susceptible to flooding problems," the National Weather Service said.

The storm is expected to weaken as it moves toward and over the islands, but the current forecast track keeps it as a tropical storm through Wednesday. □

Weiner's campaign manager in mayoral race quits

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Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — Anthony Weiner vowed to stay in the race for New York City mayor Sunday despite the loss of his campaign manager and the drumbeat of critics questioning his fitness for public office after new revelations of lewd online behavior.

Weiner confirmed that campaign manager Danny Kedem resigned Saturday after reports surfaced that Weiner had continued to exchange lewd photos and messages with women despite resigning from Congress in 2011 over the same behavior.

"We have an amazing staff, but this isn't about the people working on the campaign."

It's about the people we're campaigning for," Weiner said after speaking at a Brooklyn church.

Weiner said he would keep talking about "ideas for the middle class and people struggling to make it every single day" and added, "We knew this was going to be a tough campaign."

Kedem had managed the re-election of John DeStefano Jr. to a 10th term as mayor of New Haven in 2011 and worked on Hillary

Rodham Clinton's failed 2008 presidential campaign.

The 31-year-old Kedem was credited with helping Weiner pull into the lead among the crowded field of Democratic primary candidates before the latest revelations about Weiner's raunchy online exchanges with women.



New York City mayoral candidate Anthony Weiner leaves his apartment building in New York. Weiner vowed to stay in the race for New York City mayor Sunday despite the loss of his campaign manager.

(AP Photo/Richard Drew)

Christine Quinn, who is bidding to be the city's first female mayor, led the race before Weiner jumped in but slipped behind him in most polls over the past two months.

But a one-day poll con-

ducted after Weiner's latest revelations has Quinn leading Weiner in the race for the Democratic nomination. The mayoral primary is Sept. 10, and the general election is Nov. 5. The primary winner needs to get at least 40 percent of the vote to avoid a runoff with the No. 2 vote-getter.

Quinn, who is speaker of

Unlike other candidates who have urged Weiner to end his campaign, Quinn said opponents should not "say who should or shouldn't get in and out of races."

But she questioned whether he is the right person to lead the city.

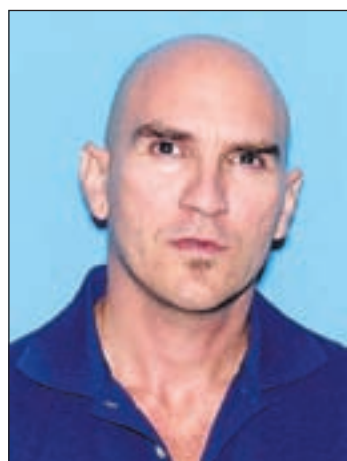
"Has he disqualified himself? Yes, he's disqualified himself," Quinn said. "But not just because of these scandals, though that certainly has."

He didn't have the qualifications when he was in Congress."

Later on the NBC program, David Axelrod, a former senior adviser to President Barack Obama, accused Weiner of "wasting time and space." Axelrod, who noted that his former firm is working for another mayoral candidate, said Americans "believe in second chances, but not third chances."

On CNN's "State of the Union," Republican U.S. Rep. Peter King, the target of a blistering 2010 attack from Weiner over a bill to provide free medical services for World Trade Center recovery workers, said Weiner is "not psychologically qualified to be mayor of the city of New York." □

Florida apartment gunman kills 6 in rampage



This photo released by the Hialeah Police Department shows Pedro Vargas. Vargas went on a shooting rampage throughout his apartment building, killing six people before being shot to death by police, Saturday July 27, 2013. (AP Photo/Hialeah PD)

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HIALEAH, Florida (AP) — The gunman who went on

a shooting rampage at his South Florida apartment building, killing six people before he was fatally shot by police, was a lonely man who spoke about having pent up anger, those who knew him said Sunday.

Pedro Vargas, 42, lived on the fourth floor of a barren, concrete apartment complex in the Miami suburb of Hialeah with his elderly mother.

He rarely spoke with others there, and confided to a man who worked out at the same gym that he liked to work out his anger by lifting weights and trying to get big.

"He'd just say this was the only thing that would keep him normal, pulling out all the anger in the gym," Jorge Bagos told The Asso-

ciated Press.

Bagos said the gunman expressed frustration over bad experiences with women and losing all his hair from using steroids.

On Friday night, Vargas set a combustible liquid on fire in his apartment, sending the unit into flames, police said. Building manager Italo Piscioti and his wife went running toward the smoke. Vargas opened his door and shot and killed both of them, Lt. Carl Zogby, a spokesman with the Hialeah Police Department said. Vargas then went back into his apartment and began firing from his balcony. One of the shots struck and killed Carlos Javier Gavilanes, 33, who neighbors said was returning home from his son's

boxing practice. Vargas then stormed into a third-story apartment, where he shot and killed a family of three: Patricio Simono, 64, Merly Niebles, 51, and her 17-year-old daughter.

For eight hours, police followed and exchanged gunfire with Vargas throughout the five-story apartment complex as terrified residents took cover in bathrooms and huddled with relatives, sometimes so close to the gunfire they could feel the shots. In the final hours, Vargas took two people captive in a fifth-story unit.

Police attempted to negotiate with him, but the talks fell apart and a police commando team swarmed in, killing Vargas and rescuing both hostages. □



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U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry speaks during a press conference in the Jordanian capital Amman. Following months of shuttle diplomacy by Kerry, the U.S. on Sunday announced the resumption of Israeli-Palestinian talks following years of stalemate.

(AP Photo/Mandel Ngan, Pool)

US announces resumption of Mideast peace talks

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State Department spokeswoman Jan Psaki said the teams would meet Monday and Tuesday to "develop a procedural plan for how the parties can proceed with the negotiations in the coming months." Talks on a final peace deal are to last six to nine months.

Chief Palestinian negotiator Saeb Erekat and Abbas aide Mohammed Shtayyeh will represent the Palestinians, and Justice Minister Tzipi Livni and adviser Yitzhak Molcho will attend for Israel.

Netanyahu, seeking to overcome stiff opposition from ultra-nationalists, told his Cabinet that "resuming the political process at this time is important for Israel," noting that any deal would be submitted to a national referendum.

Erekat welcomed the vote on the prisoners as a "step toward peace," one he said is long overdue.

Negotiators made progress in previous rounds, and the outlines of a deal have emerged — a Palestinian state in most of the West Bank, Gaza and east Jerusalem, lands captured by Israel in 1967, with border adjustments to enable Israel to annex land with a majority of nearly 600,000 settlers.

Those negotiations broke down before the sides could tackle the most explosive issues, a partition of Jerusalem and the fate of Palestinian refugees and their descendants, now several million people.

Abbas remains leery of negotiating with Netanyahu, fearing any offer made by the hard-liner would fall far short of Palestinian demands, so he has insisted on a clear framework for negotiations.

Abbas said over the week-

end that Kerry assured him the invitation to the negotiators will say border talks are based on the 1967 line — though Netanyahu has not said whether he has dropped his long-standing opposition to that demand. The preliminary talks in Washington are supposed to close the remaining gaps on the framework for talks, and they could well falter at that early point. Israel's release of veteran prisoners could help Abbas persuade a skeptical Palestinian public that it's worthwhile returning to negotiations.

Netanyahu has repeatedly called for a resumption of negotiations that broke down in 2008, but he has not sketched the outlines of a deal he would be willing to strike, except to say he opposes a partition of Jerusalem.

In Sunday's Cabinet meeting, he pushed through the prisoner release despite opposition by two ministers in his Likud Party and by those from a main coalition partner, the pro-settler Jewish Home Party.

Outside the government complex, hundreds protested against a release. Among them were families of Israelis killed in attacks by Palestinian militants. Some held up pictures of their loved ones.

Naftali Bennett, the head of Jewish Home, briefly joined the protesters before attending the Cabinet meeting. "It's a hard day, the decision was made and I hope we won't pay a horrible price for this in the future," he said after the vote.

In the West Bank and Gaza, some relatives of prisoners anxiously awaited word. "Now there is a big relief," said Walid Abu Muhsen, 45, whose brother Jamal has been in prison for the past 22 years for killing an Israeli farmer. □

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Former captive surprises Cleveland concert crowd



Amanda Berry, one of three women held captive in a Cleveland home for a decade, makes a surprise appearance at the RoverFest concert in Cleveland. Berry appeared at a public event for the first time since her rescue, a day after her abductor pleaded guilty in the case. The rapper Nelly called Berry back to the stage after his music set.

(AP Photo/Courtesy Brian Harrell)

CLEVELAND (AP) — One of three women held captive in a Cleveland home for a decade made her first public appearance at a concert featuring the rapper Nelly a day after her abductor pleaded guilty to kidnap and rape charges. Amanda Berry showed up at the daylong RoverFest concert in Cleveland on Saturday night, walking on stage with her family and

waving at the cheering crowd. Wearing sunglasses and dressed in jeans and a black T-shirt, Berry smiled broadly while acknowledging the applause, but she didn't address the crowd. Nelly called Berry back to the stage after his music set. The appearance came a day after Ariel Castro, a former school bus driv-

er, pleaded guilty to 937 counts in a deal that will send him to prison for life without parole, plus 1,000 years.

Berry, now 27, Gina DeJesus and Michelle Knight disappeared between 2002 and 2004 when they were 16, 14 and 20 years old. They escaped in May when Berry kicked out part of a door and called to neighbors for help.

Shane French, the host of the syndicated talk radio show Rover's Morning Glory on WMMS in Cleveland, told The Associated Press in a telephone interview Sunday that he was surprised when Berry showed up at the annual festival.

French, who goes by the name Rover on radio, said he had issued an impromptu invitation on his show a

few weeks ago but didn't know she was listening.

"I just said that she had 10 years of partying to make up for and she should come," French said.

He said he was surprised when security guards told him Berry had arrived. French said Berry at first refused to go on stage but then agreed and asked if he would go with her.

"She didn't say why she decided to come, but some of her family members told me they listen to my show every day and had been to RoverFest in the past," French said.

"I didn't see her cry, but I think she was pretty overwhelmed by the response that the crowd gave her," he said of Berry. "She just seemed to be having a great time." □

Indianapolis church mourns three who died in bus crash

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Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — An Indianapolis church mourned their youth pastor, his pregnant wife and a congregation member Sunday after the three died when their bus returning from a northern Michigan youth camp overturned a mile (1.6 kilometers) from home. Saturday's accident devastated members of Colonial Hills Baptist Church, who had been anticipating a joyful homecoming with the 37 people aboard the bus.

The crash killed youth pastor Chad Phelps; his pregnant piano-teacher wife, Courtney Phelps; and chaperone Tonya Weindorf, church deacon Jeff Leffew said.

The crash, which happened Saturday afternoon near an interstate highway, injured dozens. Seven teens remained hospitalized Sun-

day, including one in critical condition. Bus driver Dennis Maurer, a 68-year-old member of the congregation, told authorities that the brakes failed before the church-owned vehicle struck a raised concrete median and flipped on its side, Indianapolis metro police said.

Chad Phelps, the son of the church's senior pastor, and his wife were both in their mid-20s, Leffew said, and were expecting their second child next month. Chad Phelps had become youth pastor at Colonial Hills late last year, he said.

"... We're going to have a long road, but God is good," Leffew said Sunday during a news conference. The Phelpses' first child, Chase, nearly 2 years old, was among the injured. He was treated and released from a hospital Saturday, IU Health spokeswoman Sally Winter said. □

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Obama says Korean War vets 'deserve better'

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Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Six decades after the Korean War ended, President Barack Obama said Saturday that American veterans deserved a better homecoming from a war-weary nation and that their legacy is the 50 million people who live freely in a democratic South Korea.

"Here in America, no war should ever be forgotten, and no veteran should ever be overlooked," he said in a speech at the Korean War Veterans Memorial on the National Mall, where ceremonies marked the 60th anniversary of the end of hostilities on the peninsula.

Obama said the conflict didn't unite or divide the country the same way World War II or the Vietnam War did, respectively, and that U.S. veterans came home to neither parades nor protests because "there was, it seemed, a desire to forget, to move on" by Americans tired of battle.

But they "deserved better," Obama said, adding that, on Saturday's anniversary, "perhaps the high-

est tribute we can offer our veterans of Korea is to do what should have been done the day you came home."

He appealed for people to pause and let these veterans "carry us back to the days of their youth and let us be awed by their shining deeds."

In the audience of several thousand on a sunny and

humid morning were dozens of American and Korean veterans of the war. Obama asked them to stand and be recognized.

The 1950-1953 war had North Korean and Chinese troops on one side against U.S.-led United Nations and South Korean forces. It ended on July 27, 1953, 60 years ago Saturday, with the signing of an armistice.

A formal peace treaty was never signed, leaving the Korean Peninsula in a technical state of war and divided at the 38th parallel between its communist north and democratic south. More than 36,000 Americans were killed in the conflict. The U.S. still has 28,500 troops based in the south. □



President Barack Obama, left, and Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel participate in a commemorative ceremony on the occasion of the 60th anniversary of the end of the Korean War, near the Korean War Veterans Memorial on the National Mall in Washington, on Saturday, July 27, 2013. (AP Photo/Jacquelyn Martin)

Calls grow for San Diego mayor to step down

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SAN DIEGO - In November, when Bob Filner became the first Democrat in two decades to be elected mayor here, he celebrated with his fiancée at his side in Old Trolley Barn Park, where he thanked hundreds of supporters who had showed up.

But after a week in which seven women publicly accused him of sexual harassment, it was all but impossible to find any Filner supporters in Old Trolley Barn Park.

And Democrats and Republicans have been - at least temporarily - united on an issue: their insistence that the mayor resign.

Rather than mollifying his critics, the mayor's announcement Friday that he would take two weeks away from City Hall to seek what he described as intensive behavior therapy has only further angered many residents, who complained that he was dragging the city through the mud in hopes of salvaging his own career.

"I'm bummed. I voted for him," said Mona Mukherjee-Gehrig, 46. "Can you change in two weeks? That's a joke."

What are you going to do in two weeks?"

The scandal is the latest in a string of political controversies for the city.

Eight years ago, Mayor Dick Murphy resigned amid a fiscal scandal that left this city known as "Enron-by-the-Sea."

That same year, Rep. Randy Cunningham pleaded guilty to taking \$2.4 million in bribes from military contractors. □

John Kerry's wife leaves Boston rehab hospital

BOSTON (AP) — Teresa Heinz Kerry, the wife U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry, was discharged from a Boston hospital Saturday, just under three weeks after she suffered a seizure at their Nantucket home, a State Department spokesman said.

Heinz Kerry, 74, is expected to make a full recovery from the July 7 seizure following additional outpatient treatment, spokesman Glen Johnson said.

"I'm extremely grateful for

the quality of care Teresa received," Kerry said in the statement. "I've always known Massachusetts is blessed to have some of the greatest health care in the world, but we've just lived it, and are grateful to all." Heinz Kerry thanked her doctors and caregivers. "They are the kindest people, who love what they do and do it superbly well," she said.

Kerry praised the State Department Diplomatic Security Service members who

first responded when his wife fell ill. Heinz Kerry was treated at a Nantucket hospital and another in Boston before ultimately being discharged from Spaulding Rehabilitation Hospital.

Johnson previously said the cause of the seizure had not been determined but doctors had ruled out a brain tumor, heart attack or stroke. The family does not plan to comment further on Heinz Kerry's health, he said.

Heinz Kerry, an heir to the

Heinz ketchup fortune, is the widow of former U.S. Sen. John Heinz, who was killed along with six others in 1991 when a helicopter collided with a plane over a schoolyard in Merion, Pennsylvania. She married Kerry, a longtime senator from Massachusetts, in 1995. Kerry, the 2004 Democratic presidential nominee, resigned from the U.S. Senate on Feb. 1 after being confirmed to succeed Hillary Rodham Clinton as Secretary of State. □

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US Financial Front:

Treasury's Lew says Congress must pass debt limit



U.S. Treasury Secretary Jack Lew speaks to reporters in Athens, Greece. Congress needs to raise the debt limit and take away the "cloud of uncertainty" about the nation's ability to pay its bills, Lew said in an interview broadcast Sunday, July 28, 2013.

(AP Photo/Kostas Tsironis)

WASHINGTON (AP) — Congress needs to raise the debt limit and take away the "cloud of uncertainty" about the nation's ability to pay its bills, Treasury Secretary Jack Lew said in an interview broadcast

Sunday.

"The fight over the debt limit in 2011 hurt the economy, even though, in the end, we saw an extension of the debt limit. We saw confidence fall, and it hurt the economy. Congress

needs to do its job. It needs to finish its work on appropriation bills. It needs to pass a debt limit," Lew said on NBC television's "Meet The Press."

Senior lawmakers on Capitol Hill are trying to come up with must-do legislation to keep federal agencies running after Sept. 30 and prevent the possibility of a government shutdown. At issue is what is normally routine: a plug-the-gap measure to fund the government for a few weeks or months until a deal can be worked out on appropriations bills giving agencies

their operating budgets for the full 2014 fiscal year, which begins Oct. 1.

However, some Democrats don't want to vote to continue to fund the government at new, lower levels mandated by the automatic, across-the-board spending cuts known as sequestration. And some conservatives are making a last stand against President Barack Obama's new health care law. In addition, Senate Democrats are resistant to a \$20 billion spending cut wanted by many Republicans.

The issue has divided Re-

publicans between those who think it's appropriate to use the threat of a government shutdown as a negotiating tactic, and those who don't.

Rep. Peter King of New York said Republicans should be searching for ways to de-fund or repeal Obama's health care act. But he called threatening to shut down the government "terror politics" and said the strategy wouldn't work. Others have worried that the gamesmanship could cause Republicans to lose control of the House of Representatives. □

Obama: Next Fed head should consider average Americans

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Barack Obama says his next Fed chairman should take ordinary people into account when setting monetary policy.

Obama tells The New York Times in an interview on the paper's website Saturday that he wants someone who won't just work abstractly to keep inflation in check and maintain stability in the markets. He says he wants the next Fed chairman to also promote policies that will help make ordinary people's lives better.

The president began a series of speeches this week promoting ideas for easing the burdens on the middle

class.

Obama is considering replacements for Ben Bernanke, whose term as Fed chairman expires early next year.

Former Obama economic adviser Larry Summers and Janet Yellen, the Fed's current vice chair, are among the leading candidates for the job.

A senior White House official told The Associated Press on Friday that Obama was not expected to announce a replacement for Bernanke before autumn. The official was not authorized to speak by name about internal White House deliberations over personnel decisions. □

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\$53 million in jewels stolen in brazen Cannes heist



A view of the Carlton hotel, in Cannes, southern France, the scene of a daylight raid, Sunday, July 28, 2013. A staggering 40 million euro (\$53 million) worth of jewels and diamonds were stolen Sunday from the Carlton Intercontinental Hotel in Cannes, in one of Europe's biggest jewelry heists recent years, police said.

(AP Photo/Lionel Cironneau)

THOMAS ADAMSON
Associated Press
PARIS (AP) — A staggering 40 million euro (\$53 million) worth of diamonds and other jewels was stolen Sunday from the Carlton Intercontinental Hotel in Cannes, in one of Europe's

biggest jewelry heists in recent years, police said. One expert noted the crime follows recent jail escapes by members of the notorious "Pink Panther" jewel thief gang. The hotel in the sweltering French Riviera was hosting

a temporary jewelry exhibit over the summer from the prestigious Leviev diamond house, which is owned by Israeli billionaire Lev Leviev. A police spokesman said the theft took place around noon, but he could not confirm local media re-

ports that the robber was a single gunman who stuffed a suitcase with the gems before making a swift exit. The spokesman spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to discuss the matter on the record.

The luxury Carlton hotel is situated on the exclusive Promenade de la Croisette that stretches a mile and a half along the French Riviera, and is thronged by the rich and famous throughout the year. The hotel's position provides not only a beautiful view of the sea but also an easy getaway for potential jewel thieves along the long stretch of road.

"It's a huge theft. Anytime you talk about a heist with many millions of dollars it turns heads and feeds the imagination," said Jonathan Sazonoff, U.S. editor for the Museum Security Network website and an authority on high-value crime.

He said the likelihood of recovering the stolen diamonds and jewels is slim, because the thieves can easily sell them on. "The fear is, if you're dealing with high-quality minerals, it's hard to get them back," Sazonoff said. "They can be broken up and so they can be easily smuggled and sold."

The valuable gems were supposed to be on public display until the end of August. It was not immediately clear how many pieces were stolen.

Several police officers were placed in front of the Carlton exhibition room — near a Cartier diamond boutique — to prevent the dozens of journalists and photographers from getting a look at the scene of the crime.

Hotel officials would not comment, and attempts to get comments from Leviev or his company were not immediately successful.

Europe has been struck by several brazen jewelry thefts in recent years, some of which have involved tens of millions of dollars in treasure.

On Feb. 18 in Belgium, some \$50 million worth of diamonds were stolen. In that heist, robbers targeted stones from the global diamond center of Antwerp that had been loaded on a plane headed to Zurich. Authorities have since detained dozens of people and recovered much of the items stolen in that operation.

Five years ago, in December 2008, armed robbers wearing women's wigs and clothing made off with diamond rings, gem-studded bracelets and other jewelry said then to be worth \$108 million from a Harry Winston boutique in Paris.

Also in 2008 — in February of that year — in a scene reminiscent of the movie "The Italian Job," masked thieves drilled a tunnel into a Damiani jewelry company showroom in Milan, Italy. They tied up the staff with plastic cable and sticky tape, then made off with gold, diamonds and rubies worth some \$20 million. The robbers had been digging for several weeks from a building under construction next door.

Cannes appears to be a favorite target this year — in May it was struck by other two highly publicized jewelry heists during the Cannes Film Festival.

In the first theft, robbers stole about \$1 million worth of jewels after ripping a safe from the wall of a hotel room. □

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South Korean government offers humanitarian aid to North Korea



North Korea's leader Kim Jong Un waves to spectators during a mass military parade celebrating the 60th anniversary of the Korean War armistice in Pyongyang, North Korea.

(AP Photo/Wong Maye-E)

complex. The majority of the aid - 6.1 billion won (almost \$6 million) - will be provided by the South Korean government and shipped through UNICEF, the U.N. children's agency, which provides vaccines, medicine and nutritional supplements for malnourished children and pregnant women in the impoverished North. Five private humanitarian aid groups from South Korea will provide the remainder. They will also send medicine and food for young children. Unification Minister Ryoo Ki-hl-jae, the South's top policymaker on the North, said the aid shipments were not linked to political issues between the two Koreas. But the announcement was

contained in a statement in which Ryoo also called for a final round of talks with the North to settle disputes over the Kaesong industrial complex, which has been idled since early April. There was no immediate response from North Korea. Despite international aid and gradual improvements in the North's grain production in recent years, more than a quarter of North Korean children under age 5 suffer from chronic malnourishment, according to surveys by the United Nations and international aid groups. South Korean government statistics showed that the North's infant mortality rates in recent years were several times higher than those in the South. □

CHOE SANG-HUN
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SEOUL, South Korea - South Korea announced more than \$7 million worth of humanitarian aid for North Ko-


rea on Sunday, a conciliatory gesture that coincided with a call by the South for "one last round" of make-or-break talks on restarting a jointly operated industrial


Arrest made after online threats to UK campaigner



C. VINOGRAD
Associated Press
LONDON (AP) — British police on Sunday arrested a man in connection with online threats made toward a feminist campaigner, a case which has ignited calls for social media platforms to institute stronger protections against verbal abuse. Caroline Criado-Perez says she has been facing a deluge of abuse — including threats to rape and kill her — over Twitter during the past several days. She said the threats started after her campaign to get a woman's picture on a U.K. bank note succeeded

and resulted in the Bank of England's announcement last week that author Jane Austen will feature on England's new 10-pound notes.

In Britain, hundreds of people are prosecuted every year for Facebook posts, tweets, texts and emails deemed menacing, indecent, offensive or obscene. But while there have been several cases of online threats directed at sports figures and politicians, the verbal assault against Criado-Perez appears to have ignited an unrivalled response and backlash against Twitter itself. □





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Morsi backers defiant in face of Egypt military threat



Bodies lay near a poster of Mohammed Morsi in a makeshift morgue in the Nasr City neighborhood in Cairo. Deadly clashes broke out during funerals of slain supporters of Egypt's ousted Islamist president Sunday, as the supreme leader of the Muslim Brotherhood urged his followers to stand fast after more than 80 of them were killed in weekend violence.

(Narciso Contreras/The New York Times)

HAMZA HENDAWI
MAGGIE MICHAEL
Associated Press
CAIRO (AP) — Escalating the confrontation after clashes that left 83 supporters of Egypt's ousted Islamist president dead, the interim government moved Sunday toward dismantling two pro-Mohammed Morsi sit-in camps, accusing protesters of "terrorism" and vowing to deal with them decisively.

But many accused the group's leaders of trying to capitalize on the loss of life to win sympathy after millions took to the streets in a show of support for the military chief who ousted Morsi in a coup.

Gen. Abdel-Fattah el-Sissi said he would take the popular support as a mandate to deal with violence and "potential terrorism" — a thinly veiled reference to a widely expected crack-down on Morsi supporters in the sit-in camps in Cairo and against radical Islamists in the Sinai peninsula who have been waging deadly attacks against security forces since Morsi was ousted in a July 3 military coup.

The coup followed days of mass protests by millions of Egyptians demanding that Morsi step down after a year in office as Egypt's first elected president.

The monthlong sit-ins have been the launch pad of street protests that often ended violently when Morsi's supporters clashed with opponents or security forces.

Islamists led by the Brotherhood staunchly reject the new post-Morsi leadership and insist the only possible solution to the crisis is to reinstate him.

Meanwhile, the interim leadership is pushing ahead with a fast-track

transition plan to return to a democratically elected government by early next year.

The Brotherhood, accused by critics of trying to monopolize power during Morsi's year in office, routinely claims its supporters are killed in cold blood by army troops, police or thugs sponsored by the Interior Ministry, which is in charge of police. However, witnesses and videos posted on social networking sites show that Morsi's supporters consistently use rocks, firebombs and firearms against opponents, who behave similarly.

The Brotherhood's tactic is clearly designed to win sympathy at home and abroad by portraying itself as a victimized party pitted against an army and a police force armed to the teeth.

"We urge the United Nations, the international human community ... to come down and rescue the hundreds of thousands from the massacre by the live ammunition in the hands of the criminals," senior Brotherhood leader Mohammed el-Beltagi shouted from the stage at the larger of the two Cairo sit-ins.

"We want intervention by the international organizations ... to rescue the people. We urge the Egyptian people to come to our rescue. ... The people are slaughtered like sheep," declared el-Beltagi, who has an arrest warrant issued against him for inciting violence.

Mohammed Badie, the Brotherhood's supreme leader, launched a stinging attack on el-Sissi over the latest violence, saying the military chief was leading a "bloody regime" and urging his followers to stand fast. □



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Judge questions train driver over accident in Spain

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Associated Press
SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA, Spain (AP) — The driver of a Spanish train that derailed at high speed was being questioned by a judge on Sunday as officials tried to determine if he was responsible for the accident, which killed 79 people.

Francisco Jose Garzon Amo, 52, has been held by police on suspicion of negligent homicide. He has not been formally charged by a magistrate or made any official statements.

However, minutes after the crash Garzon said that he had been going fast and couldn't brake, a local resident who rushed to the scene of the accident said in an interview broadcast Sunday.

The resident, Evaristo Iglesias, said he and another person accompanied the blood-soaked Garzon to flat ground where other injured people were being laid out, waiting for emergency services to arrive.

"He told us that he wanted to die," Iglesias told Antena 3 television.

"He said he had needed to brake but couldn't," Iglesias said. He added that Garzon said "he had been going fast."

The train carrying 218 passenger in eight cars hurtled far over the 80-kph (50-mph) speed limit into a high-risk curve on Wednesday,

tumbling off the tracks and slamming into a concrete wall, with some of the cars catching fire.

The Spanish rail agency has said the brakes should have been applied four kilometers (2.5 miles) before the train hit the curve.

On Sunday, Garzon was moved from the police station in the northwestern Spanish town of Santiago de Compostela, near where the accident occurred, to its courthouse just as the deadline of his 72 hours of detention was to expire.

Luis Alaez, the investigative judge, was to question the driver in private and was not expected to comment about it afterward. The judge also was to have access to the information contained in the train's "black box," which is similar to those found on aircraft, officials said.

Investigators must determine if Garzon failed to apply the brakes or whether it was a technical failure.

Previously Garzon had exercised his right to remain silent when police tried to interview him, officials said. Spain's state-run train company has described him as an experience driver who knew the route well.

In its report about the accident, Antena 3 television showed a photograph of Iglesias in a pink shirt and cap helping to carry the driver after the train accident. □



Police carry arrested train driver Francisco Jose Garzon Amo, centre, partly seen in the back seat, to testify in court in Santiago de Compostela, Spain, Sunday July 28, 2013. Spain's interior minister Jorge Fernandez Diaz says the driver whose speeding train crashed, killing 79 people, is now being held on suspicion of negligent homicide.

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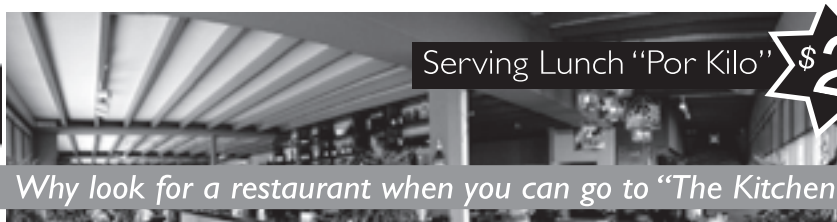
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Castro: 'Slander' over case of seized arms

HAVANA (AP) — Foes of Havana have tried to manipulate the case of Cuban armaments seized at the Panama Canal on a boat bound for North Korea, Fidel Castro said in a letter published Sunday by state media. In a letter dated July 26, Castro alluded to allegations that Cuba may have violated U.N. sanctions against the Asian nation, calling them an attempt to defame his country.

"In recent days there was an attempt to slander our Revolution, trying to portray (President Raul Castro) as tricking the United Nations and other heads of state," Castro wrote. Addressed to foreign leaders who attended Friday's celebration marking the 60th anniversary of the beginning of the Cuban Revolution, the letter also reaffirmed Cuba's stated opposition to nuclear weapons.

The Panamanian government on July 16 announced the discovery of missiles and other military equipment on the North Korean-flagged freighter Chong Chon Gang, underneath a shipment of sugar. Cuba said they were aging defensive weaponry including surface-to-air missile systems, fighter jets and engines that were being sent to North Korea for repairs. State-run website Cubadebate said Castro gave the letter to Venezuelan President Nicolas Maduro at a meeting between the two men Friday. Cubadebate published photographs this weekend of Maduro and Castro, who wore a white warm-up jacket over a plaid collared shirt. Castro was forced to step aside by a near-fatal intestinal condition in 2006 in favor of his younger brother Raul, and is rarely seen in public these days. □

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Venezuela's Government targets news editor assets

CARACAS, Venezuela (AP) — Venezuela's chief prosecutor said she has asked a court to freeze the assets of the editor of one of the country's two major opposition newspapers. El Nacional editor Miguel Henrique Otero called the move an attack on freedom of expression in statements published Sunday. Chief Prosecutor Luisa Ortega Diaz said the case stems from an illegal-enrichment investigation against former Caracas Mayor Alfredo Pena. The mayor had sued Otero, alleging he owes him \$3.5 million. Ortega said she doesn't know where the ex-mayor got the money or what the loan was for, but she said her office will investigate possible criminal activity, according to a statement posted on her agency's website. Otero published a statement Sunday on the newspaper's website saying the action was "an outrage to limit freedom of expression." But he said he could not comment about the allegations because he had not been officially notified of them. He said he learned about the action only because friends told him that Ortega had issued a Twitter message announcing it. Venezuela's last remaining opposition TV station, Globovision, was recently bought by businessmen friendly with the government, and the sharply critical private channel RCTV was kicked off the airwaves in 2007 when the government refused to renew its license. □



Investigative officers look inside a container carrying a Russian-made MIG-21 fighter jet loaded inside a container aboard the North Korean-flagged freighter ship Chong Chon Gang, at the Manzanillo International container terminal in the port city of Colon, Panama.

(AP Photo/Arnulfo Franco)

Caribbean leaders warn of rising food import bill

GEORGETOWN, Guyana (AP) — A Caribbean trade bloc released a report Saturday that warns the region's food import bill is increasing at a rate of 7 percent a year. Caricom said its 15 members spent \$2.8 billion to import food in 2011, a 55 percent increase from 2005. Newer statistics were not

available. It attributed the rise both to increased quantities and higher prices. Most of the food is imported from the U.S., Canada and the European Union, ranking behind heavy machinery, transportation equipment, lubricants and related materials. The U.S. remains the main

source for all regional imports, followed by the European Union. The Caribbean also has recorded a jump in exports to Venezuela thanks to annual shipments of more than 50,000 tons (45,300 metric tons) of rice from Guyana under the Petrocaribe program, which allows countries to pay for oil imports

with local commodities such as rice and bananas. Caribbean leaders are urging the development of large farms in countries such as Guyana and Suriname so that local governments can buy food from each other instead of relying on imports from outside the region. □



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Imeldahof kids enjoy energetic session of Zumba with Andrea



NOORD - The kids at Imeldahof had a nice visit from "Zumba with Andrea" last week. These youngsters enjoyed themselves immensely; each participant received a "Zumba with Andrea" t-shirt and danced to the different rhythms. These lovely and enthusiastic kids shook their bodies with a lot of happiness, and everyone had fun. Andrea is a certified Zumba instructor for three years and loves Zumba. Her dream is to share this wonderful fitness program with our community. Andrea decided to continue

with her contribution to our society after winning the Zumba competition that was held on June 30th that took place on behalf of the "Wilhelmina Fonds".

What she will always remember from Imeldahof is the contagious smile and constant drive and determination of these children to get their dancing steps right with the different music. Andrea takes pride in giving back and sharing the experience that she acquired, and would love to continue doing these events on an on-going basis. □

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and sponsoring are of the essence. Fortunately quite a lot of

telecom company on the island, launching a 9 week-long fundraising SMS

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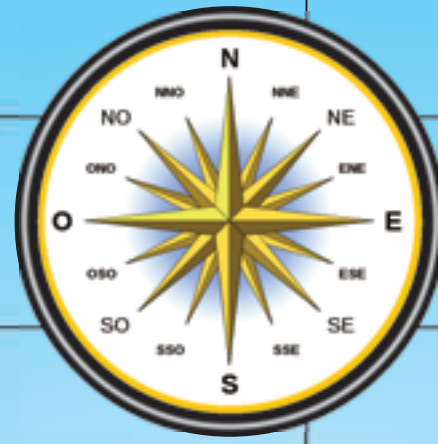
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Donovan McNabb raises money with High School Cube for Chicagoland schools during the inaugural fundraiser with local businesses, at Chicago Cut Steakhouse, on Wednesday, July 24, 2013 in Chicago. Associated Press

Donavan McNabb to retire as an Eagle

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Six-time Pro Bowl quarterback Donovan McNabb will officially retire a member of the Philadelphia Eagles on Monday.

McNabb played 11 of his 13 seasons with the Eagles, leading them to eight playoff appearances, five NFC East titles, five conference

championship games and one Super Bowl loss. The 36-year-old McNabb hasn't played in the NFL since 2011.

He was traded to Washington in 2010, started 13 games for the Redskins that season and six for Minnesota the following year.

McNabb is the Eagles' leader in many passing categories, including attempts (4,746), completions (2,801), yards (32,873), and touchdowns (216). He led the team to 100 wins, including nine in the playoffs. His 3,469 career yards rushing ranks sixth on the NFL's all-time list. □

AL Capsules

Jeter gives Yanks jolt, Soriano gives them win

The Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — Derek Jeter homered on the first pitch he faced to give the Yankees a jolt in his return from the disabled list while Alfonso Soriano made the captain a winner with a game-ending single that lifted New York over the Tampa Bay Rays 6-5 Sunday to avoid a three-game sweep.

Playing with Jeter for the first time since being re-acquired by New York from the Cubs on Friday, Soriano homered among his first four hits with the Yankees and drove in three runs.

Jeter was activated from the DL for the second time this month and connected against Matt Moore, sending a drive to right-center that ended the Yankees' nine-game homerless drought.

He went 2 for 4 and scored twice.

Brett Gardner drew a lead-off walk from Jake McGee (2-3) in the ninth. McGee then switched belts on his uniform before facing Jeter, threw a wild pitch and received a visit from manager Joe Maddon.

The decision: walk Jeter intentionally.

After Robinson Cano struck



New York Yankees' Derek Jeter watches his first-inning solo home run against the Tampa Bay Rays in the MLB American League baseball game on Sunday, July 28, 2013, in New York.

Associated Press

out, Soriano hit a liner to center field for the win. He was mobbed by his teammates and doused with a liquid during a postgame interview.

RED SOX 5, ORIOLES 0

BALTIMORE (AP) — Jon Lester allowed four hits over seven innings, David Ortiz went 4 for 4 with his 20th home run as Boston earned its first series win over Baltimore in two years.

Mike Napoli had two doubles and an RBI for the Red Sox, who took two of three in the duel between AL East foes. Boston had lost six straight series to Baltimore since a four-game sweep in July 2011.

All four hits against Lester (10-6) were singles. He struck out eight, walked two and did not allow a runner past second base. The right-hander improved his lifetime record against the Orioles to 15-2, although he lost his previous two decisions against them.

On Saturday night, Ortiz shattered the casing of two dugout phones after being ejected from the game. On Sunday, he put his bat to better use.

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Shea's early goal gives U.S. 1-0 victory over Panama

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CHICAGO (AP) — It took Brek Shea less than a minute to give the United States a goal. And the Gold Cup title.

Shea scored 42 seconds after coming into the game as a substitute, and his goal in the 69th minute gave the United States a 1-0 victory over Panama in the CONCACAF Gold Cup final. It is the fifth Gold Cup title for the U.S., but it's first since 2007. The victory also extended the Americans' winning run to a record 11 games, four more than their previous best.

When the final whistle sounded, the Americans on the bench raced onto the field to join their teammates. Several players jumped up and down, and hugs and high-fives were exchanged. Coach Jurgen Klinsmann, who watched the game from a luxury box after being suspended for



United States' Brek Shea, right, celebrates with teammates after scoring a goal during the second half of the CONCACAF Gold Cup final match against Panama at Soldier Field, Sunday, July 28, 2013, in Chicago.

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his tirade over the officiating in the semifinals, quickly made his way down to the field, pumping his fists in the air as he walked.

The Panamians, meanwhile, could only watch in disappointment. They came into the game full of confidence after beating Mexico twice during the

tournament, but never really threatened the United States.

The only downer on the day for the Americans was another injury to Stuart Holden's right knee. He collapsed to the ground after colliding with another player in the first half and grabbed at his right knee.

He was able to walk off the field on his own, but U.S. Soccer later said he had sprained the knee and it would need further evaluation.

Holden missed almost 2 ½ years because of injuries to his right knee, only returning to the U.S. squad in late May.

The U.S. had been the class of the Gold Cup, outscoring opponents 20-4 in the tournament. Klinsmann used a mostly young team, and its confidence appeared to grow with every victory.

Though Klinsmann and his players had insisted his one-game suspension wouldn't change anything — "We're going to use it a little bit as a rallying cry," Landon Donovan said Saturday. "We want to win the trophy for him." — they lacked their usual sharpness early on. Donovan and Eddie Johnson both struggled to get free, covered closely by Panama's dogged de-

fense.

But they found their rhythm in the second half, creating several chances. The best came in the 56th minute, DaMarcus Beasley chipped a ball into Donovan, who was in front of the goal at the near post. Donovan got his head on the ball, but not at the angle he wanted and it flew wide of the net. As the crowd groaned, Donovan threw back his head and Beasley swatted the red flag in the corner.

The Americans were still scratching to create something — anything — when Shea replaced Joe Corona in the 68th minute. He didn't waste any time making his presence felt as the Americans pushed forward again.

Alejandro Bedoya fed Donovan, but he muffed the shot. The ball continued to roll past Panama's Roberto Chen and on toward the net. □

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Wood pitches, hits Cubs to 2-1 victory over Giants

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SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Travis Wood pitched a four-hitter over seven innings and had a home run among his two hits to help the Chicago Cubs complete a three-game sweep in San Francisco for the first time in 20 years, beating the Giants 2-1 Sunday.

Welington Castillo also homered for the Cubs, who won their third straight and fifth of seven.

Pablo Sandoval drove in a run for the Giants, who lost their fourth straight and seventh of eight.

Tim Lincecum (5-11) had two hits in addition to pitching seven innings. He gave up two runs and four hits. He walked two and struck out a season-high 10. Wood (7-7) allowed an unearned run while walking four and striking out seven. He was 1-4 over his previous nine games and has been involved in 10 one-run decisions.

Pedro Strop threw a scoreless eighth, his 12th consecutive scoreless outing (10 2-3 innings) since joining the Cubs on July 2. Kevin Gregg recorded the final three outs for his 22nd save in 25 chances, and his



Chicago Cubs starting pitcher Travis Wood throws against the San Francisco Giants during the first inning of their baseball game on Sunday, July 28, 2013, in San Francisco.

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third straight of the series.

MARLINS 3, PIRATES 2

MIAMI (AP) — Jose Fernandez had a team rookie record 13 strikeouts in a pitching duel with Gerrit Cole, leading Miami past Pittsburgh.

Fernandez (7-5) allowed five hits and two runs in eight innings. The 20-year-old All-Star right-hander walked none and threw 97

pitches, 74 for strikes.

Cole (5-4) was nearly as good. The rookie allowed three runs and struck out eight in seven innings, but Giancarlo Stanton put the Marlins ahead to stay in the sixth with his 13th home run. Stanton also doubled, walked and scored twice for the Marlins, who had six hits.

Steve Cishek gave up a

single and a walk in the ninth, but retired Garrett Jones on a grounder for the final out to earn his 22nd save in 24 chances.

Tino Martinez resigned as Miami's hitting coach following the game, hours after complaints by players that he verbally abused them became public.

NATIONALS 14, METS 1

WASHINGTON (AP) —

Wilson Ramos hit a grand slam and rookie right-hander Taylor Jordan had six strong innings for his first major league win to lead Washington to the rout of New York.

The Nationals won their third game in a row and fourth in five to salvage a tumultuous 11-game homestand.

They lost the first six games after the All-Star break, fired hitting coach Rick Eckstein last Monday and demoted former closer Drew Storen to Triple-A Syracuse on Friday.

Mets right-hander Carlos Torres (1-2) could not build on his solid start last week against the Atlanta Braves, allowing eight runs and nine hits in just three innings. Ramos hit his grand slam in the third, ripping a 2-1 pitch into the left-field stands to cap a five-run inning.

Jordan (1-3) earned his first victory in his sixth career start. The 24-year-old held New York to five hits in six innings.

ROCKIES 6, BREWERS 5

DENVER (AP) — Troy Tulowitzki homered early, then doubled to start a two-run rally in the eighth inning that propelled Colorado past Milwaukee. □

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Ortiz hit a two-run shot off Jason Hammel (7-8) in the third inning to put Boston up 3-0. Big Papi has 12 consecutive 20-homer seasons, the last 11 with Boston. Only Ted Williams, with 16, had more as a member of the Red Sox.

INDIANS 6, RANGERS 0

CLEVELAND (AP) — Ubaldo Jimenez pitched eight scoreless innings as Cleveland shut out Texas for the second straight game.

Jason Kipnis' two-out single in the fifth broke a scoreless tie. Yan Gomes' RBI single and Michael Bourn's two-run double added three runs in the sixth as the Indians, who have won four straight, completed their first three-game sweep

at home over Texas since Aug. 12-14, 1980.

Jimenez (8-5) allowed two hits and matched his longest outing of the season. Vinnie Pestano pitched the ninth as the Indians recorded their major league-leading 14th shutout.

The Rangers are 2-8 since the All-Star break.

Kipnis' single came off Alexi Ogando (4-3), who allowed one run in 4 2-3 innings.

BLUE JAYS 2, ASTROS 1

TORONTO (AP) — Colby Rasmus drove in Emilio Bonifacio with a game-winning single in the ninth inning to carry Toronto past Houston. Rajai Davis stole a career-high four bases as the Blue Jays won for the third time in four games against Houston, owners of the worst record in the majors.

Bonifacio doubled to begin the ninth against Jose

Cisnero (2-2), and Wesley Wright came on to strike out pinch-hitter Adam Lind, who was batting in place of the ejected Jose Bautista. Edwin Encarnacion was intentionally walked to bring up Rasmus, who bounced a single over the mound and up the middle as Bonifacio scored standing up. Casey Janssen (3-0) worked one scoreless inning for the Blue Jays, who rebounded after being swept in consecutive series against Tampa Bay and the Los Angeles Dodgers.

ROYALS 4, WHITE SOX 2

CHICAGO (AP) — Alex Gordon hit a two-run homer in the 12th inning as Kansas City beat Chicago for its sixth straight victory.

With no outs, Jarrod Dyson on third, and the White Sox infield in, Gordon drove a 2-2 pitch from Donnie Veal

(1-1) over the wall in center for his first homer since July 7 and No. 10 on the year. Aaron Crow (7-3) tossed a scoreless inning to get the win and Greg Holland finished for his 27th save in 29 chances. Holland has converted each of his past 20 opportunities.

MARINERS 6, TWINS 4

SEATTLE (AP) — Nick Franklin homered twice, including a three-run shot, as Seattle held off Minnesota for the victory.


Franklin and Michael Saunders both went deep during a pivotal four-run fourth inning. With the Mariners down 2-1, Saunders tied it with his seventh homer to open the inning, deep into the right-field second deck. After Henry Blanco reached on a fielder's choice and Brad Miller walked, Franklin connected on a 1-1 pitch

from Kyle Gibson (2-3) to put the Mariners ahead 5-2. Franklin added his 10th homer to right field with one out in the seventh. His 10 home runs and 32 RBIs are the most among American League rookies.

Erasmus Ramirez (2-0) went six innings and allowed four runs on seven hits to pick up the win. He struck out six and walked two.

ATHLETICS 10, ANGELS 6

OAKLAND, California (AP) — Yoenis Cespedes drove in four runs on his most productive day since winning the Home Run Derby, as Oakland rallied from five runs down to beat Los Angeles. Cespedes snapped an 0-for-13 funk with a two-run double in the third inning, added an RBI single in the fifth and then doubled in Josh Donaldson as part of a five-run sixth. □



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Hoosier Ryan Newman wins Brickyard 400 at Indy

By JENNA FRYER

AP Auto Racing Writer
INDIANAPOLIS (AP) --

Ryan Newman fulfilled the childhood dream of so many who grew up in Indiana - winning at storied Indianapolis Motor Speedway.

Newman, from South Bend, ended a 49-race losing streak with Sunday's victory at the Brickyard, and he did it by beating Jimmie Johnson. Again.

Newman set a NASCAR track record in knocking Johnson off the pole in qualifying, then used a fast final pit stop Sunday to snatch the win from the four-time Indianapolis winner.

The two were the class of the field - they combined to lead 118 of the 160 laps - but it was Johnson who dominated the race and appeared to be just a bit better. But Johnson pitted from the lead with 27 laps remaining and it was a slow final stop for the Hendrick Motorsports crew.

Newman pitted after that and took only two tires to move into the lead after the green-flag stops cycled through the field. The closest Johnson would get to him again was when he paid a congratulatory visit to Newman in Victory Lane.

Newman was remarkably composed as he took the checkered flag and in Victory Lane.

"I don't realize it yet. It's a dream come true," he said. "It can't hit you all at once, it's not good enough. It will take a week or so for it to sink in." The victory comes as Newman is looking for a job.

Stewart-Haas Racing has signed Kevin Harvick to

join the team next season, and team co-owner Tony Stewart informed Newman two weeks ago he won't be brought back in 2014. It didn't change the post-race mood, as Stewart hustled to Victory Lane, lifted Newman from behind and the two shared a long embrace.

"He just had an awesome weekend," Stewart said. "I kept looking up the board and watching and I was scared to ask where he was at and how big of a lead he had. I didn't want to jinx him. Just really proud of him - he's a great teammate and an even better friend."

Johnson, the Sprint Cup Series points leader who was hoping to tie Formula One's Michael Schumacher as the only five-time winners in Indy history, finished 2.657 seconds behind Newman in second.

"There's definitely disappointment there, but that's racing. It happens," Johnson said. "We win as a team, lose as a team. There's been some late race mistakes on my behalf that have taken race wins away from us. Granted, not a major event like this. We still ended up second."

"We have a lot to be proud of over the course of the weekend. We'll do the best to let it roll off our shoulders by tomorrow afternoon."

Kasey Kahne, Johnson's Hendrick Motorsports teammate, was third and Stewart was fourth as Chevrolet swept the top four spots. All four cars were also powered by Hendrick Motorsports.

"We had pretty good power all day long, there were several scenarios where I noticed it," Stewart



Sprint Cup Series driver Ryan Newman, right, is hugged by team owner and driver Tony Stewart after Newman won the Brickyard 400 auto race at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway in Indianapolis, Sunday, July 28, 2013.

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art said. "That's what you expect from Hendrick." Matt Kenseth was fifth in a Toyota and followed by Hendrick's Dale Earnhardt Jr. and Jeff Gordon, as all four Hendrick entries landed inside the top seven. Earnhardt rallied from a loose wheel on the opening run of the race to grab his top-10 finish.

"I knew it was loose," said Earnhardt, adding it was a no-brainer to pit. "You have a wheel falling off, you have something serious happening. Come in, it's dangerous staying out there. You can hit the wall, or wreck something, or wreck some other people. I don't want to do that. It is a long race. We had an early chance to fix that, and that is fine. It gave us an opportunity to try some different strate-

gies, and it worked out for us."

Joey Logano was eighth in a Ford, and followed by Juan Pablo Montoya and Kyle Busch, who picked up his first career win at the Brickyard in Saturday's Nationwide Series race.

NASCAR's 20th running at the historic Brickyard wasn't the most exciting race - there were three cautions, for stalled cars or debris, and no accidents or spins - and the field spread out into single-file racing and passing wasn't easy. Montoya complained at one point over his radio that attempting to pass another car only cost him position on track.

"It's just Indy, it's always hard to pass," Kahne shrugged. "The competition's close, so you can

get runs and then you can kill your run a little bit if that guy runs a certain part of the race track. So the guys that know where to put their car when a car being them is faster, it's tough to pass them." The in-race intrigue came via varied strategies among the teams as they all tried different methods to steal a good finish in a race that logged as the fastest Brickyard in history at 2 hours, 36 minutes and 22 seconds.

"Overall I thought it was an exciting race," said Kenseth. "I thought there was a lot of different strategies there at the end and the two fastest cars ended up battling for the win. It wasn't any harder (to pass) than normal. It's just always hard to pass here." □

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Franklin, Ledecky shine, but U.S. misses Phelps

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BARCELONA, Spain (AP) —

With Michael Phelps cheering from the stands and a big assist from a teammate, Missy Franklin got off to a thrilling start in her own quest to win eight gold medals at the world championships.

Too bad the U.S. men didn't have Phelps for their relay. Megan Romano turned in a brilliant anchor leg to ensure Franklin of a gold in the women's 400-meter freestyle relay Sunday evening, chasing down the Australians in the last, furious strokes.

Coming off a starring role at the London Olympics, Franklin is now one-for-one in Barcelona.

Seven more to go.

"Oh, my gosh, it was amazing!" said Franklin, who clutched hands with teammate Natalie Coughlin at the edge of the pool as they cheered on Romano. "We knew Megan could do it." Overall, it was good start for the American team on the first night of pool swimming at the arena atop Montjuic. Katie Ledecky, still only 16 and preparing to start her junior year of high school, nearly broke the world record while winning the women's 400 free. Connor Jaeger pulled out a bronze in the men's 400 free, which was won in dominating fashion by China's Sun Yang.

It looked as though the final race of the night would produce another red, white and blue celebration.

Turns out it did — but it was Le Tricolore that waved throughout the Palau Sant Jordi when the French rallied to snatch the gold away from the Americans in the men's 400 free relay. In a repeat of their stirring



Katie Ledecky of the United States celebrates after winning the gold medal in the Women's 400m freestyle final at the FINA Swimming World Championships in Barcelona, Spain, Sunday, July 28, 2013.
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comeback at last summer's Olympics, Jeremy Stravius chased down Jimmy Feigen to set off a wild celebration among the huge French contingent in the stands. "I actually didn't even see them until the last five meters," Feigen said. "Maybe I should have paid more attention to them." Maybe the result would have been different if Phelps had not retired after London. He is in Barcelona to make some promotional appearances and attend the evening finals, but only as a fan. The swimming world is abuzz with speculation that he's planning a comeback, but not yet.

"He was texting me," said Bob Bowman, coach of the U.S. men's team and Phelps' longtime mentor. "He was disappointed we

to be a commanding lead, but Ryan Lochte couldn't hold off Yannick Agnel's furious charge for gold on the anchor leg.

This time, Agnel went out first for the French, and he was next-to-last when he handed off to Florent Manaudou. France was still only fourth after a blistering 100 by Fabien Gilot (the fastest of the night, 46.90). The U.S. was slightly ahead of the Australians when Anthony Ervin passed it off to Feigen. He couldn't hold off Stravius, who touched the wall in 3 minutes, 11.18 seconds. The Americans took silver in 3:11.42, while Russia claimed the bronze in 3:11.44. The Aussies faded to fourth.

Phelps was in no shape to swim, even if he wanted to. He arrived at the arena wearing a boot cast on his right foot, having sustained some sort of minor stress fracture that apparently worsened from playing golf. "I tried to get him on the

Let's go.' But he was limping around."

Even so, Agnel was asked whether he was glad to see Phelps in the stands rather than in the pool.

"I don't understand the question," the Frenchman quipped.

No swimmer has ever won eight golds at the world championships. Phelps came oh-so-close in 2007 when he won his first seven events but never got a chance in the eighth. The Americans were disqualified in the preliminaries of the 400 medley relay while Phelps was resting up to swim in the final.

The following year, of course, he won a record eight golds on a much bigger stage, the Beijing Olympics.

Franklin, now 18 and getting ready to go off to college at Cal-Berkeley, won four golds and a bronze in London. She just missed out on medals in the 100 and 200 free — events she will again swim at the worlds along the 50 back, a non-Olympic event.

"I'm right where I was last summer, which gives me a lot of confidence going into the rest of the meet," Franklin said. "I think I am a little stronger in my backstrokes than my freestyles, but I've done a lot of work on my freestyle the past year so I really hope that it's going to be up there."

She was far behind on the opening leg after a blistering start by Australia's Cate Campbell. Coughlin and Shannon Vreeland chipped away at the Aussie lead before Romano finished the job. She edged Coutts by 0.12 seconds with a winning time of 3:32.43. The Netherlands finished another 3 seconds behind for the bronze. □



Former Olympic and world swimming champion Michael Phelps of the US unveils a mosaic installed in his honor at the FINA Swimming World Championships in Barcelona, Spain, Sunday, July 28, 2013.
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got beat. He was just giving me his critique. It was right on."

Of course, Phelps was on the relay team that lost in London. He helped give the Americans what looked

relay but he didn't want to do it," U.S. assistant coach Mike Bottom said jokingly. "Bob actually was giving him a tough time. He was like, 'Hey, you ready to go?'

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Samsung emphasizes components as smartphones peak

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AP Technology Writer
SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — Samsung plans to plow a record pile of cash into its semiconductor and display panel businesses, hoping to reduce reliance on sales of high-end Galaxy smartphones that are poised to peak after two years of blistering growth.

Samsung Electronics Co., the world's largest smartphone maker, reported record profit for a sixth straight quarter on Friday. But the result still disappointed investors who expected Samsung to book even higher earnings after the Galaxy S4, its latest iteration of the flagship smartphone, was launched in April. The handset scored 10 million sales in the month after its launch.

Samsung's division that makes and sells handsets, smartphones and tablet computers has been the motive force behind the South Korea company's run of bumper profits, with Galaxy smartphone shipments jumping every quarter. In the three months ended June 30, the division contributed two-thirds of the company's entire operating profit.

Samsung, which does not disclose its smartphone sales figures, is estimated by research firm IDC to have shipped 72.4 million smartphones in the April-June quarter, compared with Apple's 31.2 million iPhone sales. Samsung's second quarter smartphone sales were double what it sold in the final quarter of 2011, an indication of how fast the company expanded its business and outpaced rivals.

But investors who once cheered the explosive sales growth now fret that consumer appetite for top-



A visitor stands near the billboards of Samsung Electronics' Galaxy S4 smart phones at a showroom of its headquarters in Seoul, South Korea, Friday, July 26, 2013.

of-the-range smartphones is close to being sated. Cutting-edge features have lost some of their luster as there is now a wide choice of new devices with equivalently fast processors, powerful cameras and crisp roomy displays.

Emerging markets remain a source of growth but the middle classes in such countries flock to cheaper smartphones that are less profitable for manufacturers such as Samsung and Apple Inc. They also face additional competition from Chinese companies that specialize in affordable handsets.

Samsung's share price has dropped 14 percent since January, cutting \$30 billion from its market value. Robert Yi, senior vice president of investor relations at Samsung, blamed global economic conditions that prompted foreign investors

to pull funds from Asian financial markets including South Korea.

But many analysts said weaker-than-expected sales and profit from Galaxy smartphones is the key factor behind the tumbling share price. Analysts including those at JP Morgan Chase cut their sales forecasts for the Galaxy S4 by more than 20 percent in June, predicting shipments would weaken after the first quarter it was on sale.

Samsung said it expected a higher profit contribution from its components businesses in the future.

It plans record-high capital expenditure this year, which will help ramp up production of its mainstay memory chips and strengthen its expansion in the mobile processor market. Out of 24 trillion won (\$21.6 billion) of annual capital spending, it allocated 13 trillion won

to the semiconductor business and 6.5 trillion won to its display panel business.

"It's a move to seek all-around growth and balance out what is now centered on sets," which include mobile handsets, said Lee Sei-chul, an analyst at Meritz Securities.

In the latest quarter, Samsung's display panel business posted a higher profit over a year earlier thanks to demand for advanced displays called OLED, primarily used in Galaxy smartphones. Even as PC shipments fell in the spring quarter, demand for tablet PCs and data servers propped up prices of memory chips accounting for larger semiconductor profit.

In smartphones, Samsung is also facing a similar challenge to Apple in that consumers are increasingly buying its older less expensive models rather than the

latest version.

IDC said discounted prices of the Galaxy S III, a predecessor of the S4, renewed consumer interest during the second quarter and contributed to Samsung's shipment growth. Yet it also likely dragged on earnings from handsets.

Samsung's mobile business posted a lower profit in the three months ending June compared with the previous quarter because of higher marketing costs after the S4 launch. It was first time in a year that the mobile division did not report an increase in profit from the previous quarter.

Samsung said the average selling price of handsets will moderately decline in coming quarters as the proportion of mid-tier smartphone sales increase. It also released variations of the Galaxy series to offer cheaper handsets and fend off competition from Chinese rivals.

Many analysts also expect Samsung to mark down the Galaxy S4's price in the fall and winter quarters as rivals, including Apple, will release new models.

They said that will result in earnings from the mobile business being flat in the third quarter versus the April-June quarter. Components businesses that sell semiconductors and display panels will report a higher profit, driving another record quarter for the South Korean tech titan.

"Entering into a typically strong season for the IT industry, we expect earnings to continue to increase. However, we cannot overlook delayed economic recovery in Europe and risks from increased competition for smartphone and other set products," Yi, Samsung's executive vice president, said. □

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Opening Bell:

US bank profits soar in second quarter; tech lags

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NEW YORK (AP) — Just over half of the companies in the Standard & Poor's 500 index have reported earnings for the second quarter, and some are faring better than others. Here are some of the things we've learned so far.

Banks and other financial companies have been the standouts. The materials sector, which includes min-

ers and chemical companies, have fared the worst. Earnings are also contracting in the technology industry. Some older tech companies are reporting lower profits as they struggle to adapt while consumers embrace smartphones and other mobile devices. Overall, earnings growth is projected to slow for a third straight quarter. Analysts forecast that companies in the Stan-

dard & Poor's 500 index will report earnings growth of 4.5 percent for the period, according to S&P Capital IQ. That's a drop from 5.2 percent in the first three months of the year. It's not all bad news.

Earnings at U.S. companies are expected to grow faster in the second half of the year as the economy strengthens. Rising consumer confidence, boosted by climbing home

prices and an improving job market, should combine to drive the economy to stronger growth, helping companies earn more. The economy should also benefit after the impact starts to fade from government spending cuts and higher social security taxes put in place at the beginning of the year.

By the fourth quarter of this year, company profits are expected to leap 11.2 percent from the same period a year earlier. That would be the fastest pace since the third quarter of 2011. For now, investors have to be content with modest growth.

BANKS: GETTING BETTER

U.S. banks reported surging profits after setting aside less money for bad loans. Major banks including Citigroup and JPMorgan Chase also profited from a boom in investment banking as recovering financial markets resulted in big increases in fees for underwriting stock and bond offerings. Rising interest rates also helped banks earn more from lending money. The outlook for banks isn't as encouraging, however. There are signs that the

boom in mortgage refinancing is starting to peter out. On the positive side, there weren't any nasty surprises of the kind banks have regularly handed investors in the years following the financial crisis. There was no mention of massive trading losses like JPMorgan's \$6 billion "London whale" debacle last year, or settlements for mortgage-related lawsuits. Banks are forecast to post earnings growth of 24 percent in the second quarter, the best of any industry group in the S&P 500. Of the 39 financial companies that have posted earnings, 74 percent have beaten analysts' expectations for earnings. That's better than the 66 percent average for S&P 500 companies. In fact, if you strip out banks, overall earnings are forecast to rise only 0.5 percent, according to S&P Capital IQ. "I suspect that over the next few quarters, to the extent that interest rates continue to rise, you may well continue to see financials outperform the broader market," said Joseph Tanious, a global market strategist at JPMorgan Funds.

The earnings have helped financial companies post the second-best returns in the S&P 500 this month. They're up 6.1 percent in July, compared with a 5.3 percent gain for the broader index. Financial stocks have gained 25.7 percent this year.

'OLD' TECH STRUGGLES

Technology companies were meant to be among the biggest beneficiaries of an improving economy. It hasn't played out that way. Some of the biggest names in the sector are struggling to adapt to new technologies and how consumers use them.

Microsoft fell 11.4 percent July 19, the most in more than four years, after the company wrote off nearly \$1 billion from its new Surface tablet business and said that a poor reception for its Windows 8 operating system crimped revenue. □



People use a Bank of America ATM in Boston. Banks including JPMorgan Chase, U.S. Bancorp, Bank of America and other banks banks and financial companies have been the standouts in reported earnings for the second quarter 2013. (AP Photo/Charles Krupa)

Smartphone rivals gain on Samsung and Apple

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TOKYO - As Samsung Electronics and Apple continue to slug it out across the globe for domination of the smartphone market, the South Korean maker continues to edge out the California company. Samsung is now more profitable than Apple, according to second-quarter financial results released by Samsung on Friday in Seoul, South Korea. But while the two rivals have successively one-upped each other with ever sleeker, more technologically sophisticated phones, new competition is stirring.

The combined share of the worldwide smartphone market controlled by Apple and Samsung slipped

to 43 percent in the second quarter from 49 percent a year earlier, IDC, a research firm, reported Friday.

Some of the companies chipping away at the leaders are familiar names trying comebacks, like Sony, Nokia and HTC. Others are relative newcomers, like LG of South Korea and Lenovo, ZTE and Huawei of China. "The story is no longer Apple versus Samsung," said Bryan Wang, an analyst at Forrester Research. "Going forward, they will both face similar challenges."

Analysts say buyers are more willing to look at alternatives to Apple or Samsung because the differences among smartphones are becoming less

pronounced.

The proportion of phones running Google's Android operating system keeps growing, and technical specifications are converging. Like Samsung's Galaxy S4, a number of other phones, including Sony's Xperia Z, also include high-definition 5-inch screens. That makes price, where the Chinese smartphone makers have an edge, an increasingly important selling point.

Those challenges were evident in the latest earnings report from Samsung on Friday, when the company said it expected competition in the smartphone business to stiffen in the third quarter, with new models pending from LG and other rivals. "The

strong growth streak for the smartphone market is expected to continue in the third quarter, albeit at a slower pace," the company said in a statement.

Samsung remains a powerhouse, reporting big gains Friday in sales and earnings for its latest quarter. Net income rose 50 percent, to 7.77 trillion won, or \$6.96 billion, from 5.19 trillion won a year earlier. Revenue rose to 57.46 trillion won, or \$51.6 billion, from 47.6 trillion won. On Tuesday, Apple posted quarterly net income of \$6.9 billion on revenue of \$35.3 billion. Investors have grown accustomed to bigger gains, and the share price of Samsung, like Apple shares, has taken a beating this year. □

SMART MONEY:

Budging (just a little) on investing in gold

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"Should gold be a part of my portfolio?"

A friend posed that question to me a few weeks ago, after watching gold's wild ride over the past few years. The price of gold was less than \$500 an ounce in 2005 but soared to more than \$1,800 in 2011, before falling back to about \$1,300 recently. He wasn't sure what to make of it all. My instinct was to say no. Like most economists I know, I am a pretty boring investor. I hold 60 percent stocks, 40 percent bonds, mostly in low-cost index funds. Whenever I see those TV commercials with some actor hawking gold coins, I roll my eyes. Hoarding gold seems akin to stocking up on canned beans and ammo as you wait for the apocalypse in your fallout shelter.

But I was also wary of imposing my gut instinct on my friend, who was looking for a more reasoned judgment.

I knew that some investors saw gold as a key part of a portfolio. Author Harry Browne, the onetime Libertarian presidential

Reserve Bank of Dallas, had more than \$1 million of gold in his personal portfolio.

So, before answering my friend's question, I dived



As a long-term investment, gold has offered small overall returns with high volatility, but there is still an argument for keeping a sliver of it in a portfolio.

(Brian Stauffer/The New York Times)

candidate, recommended a permanent 25 percent allocation to gold. In 2012, the Federal Reserve reported that Richard Fisher, president of the Federal

into the small academic literature on gold as a portfolio investment. Here is what I learned:

THERE ISN'T A LOT OF IT

The World Gold Council

estimates that all the gold ever mined amounts to 174,100 metric tons. If this supply were divided equally among the world's population, it would work out to less than one ounce a person.

Warren E. Buffett has a good way to illustrate how little gold there is. He has calculated that if all the gold in the world were made into a cube, its edge would be only 69 feet long. So the cube would fit comfortably within a baseball infield.

Despite its small size, that cube would have substantial value. In a recent paper released by the National Bureau of Economic Research, Claude B. Erb and Campbell R. Harvey estimated that the value of gold makes up about 9 percent of the world's market capitalization of stocks, bonds and gold. Much of the world's gold, however, is out of the hands of private investors. About half of it is in the form of jew-

elry, and an additional 20 percent is held by central banks. This means that if you were to hold the available market portfolio, your asset allocation to gold would be about 2 percent.

ITS REAL RETURN IS SMALL

Over the long run, gold's price has outpaced overall prices as measured by the Consumer Price Index - but not by much. In another recent NBER paper, economists Robert J. Barro and Sanjay P. Misra reported that from 1836 to 2011, gold earned an average annual inflation-adjusted return of 1.1 percent. By contrast, they estimated long-term returns to be 1.0 percent for Treasury bills, 2.9 percent for long-term bonds and 7.4 percent for stocks.

Erb and Harvey presented a novel way of gauging gold's return in the very long run: They compared what the Roman emperor Augustus paid his soldiers, measured in units of gold, to what we pay the military today. □

NEWSBREAK: Omnicom, Publicis merge, forming biggest ad firm

THOMAS ADAMSON

Associated Press

PARIS (AP) — Omnicom Group Inc. and Publicis Groupe SA say they are combining in a "merger of equals" that will create the world's largest advertising firm, one worth more than \$35 billion.

The combined company will be called Publicis Omnicom Group and be jointly led by Omnicom CEO John Wren and Publicis CEO Maurice Levy as co-chief executives. The move is designed to bolster the companies' focus on growing Asian and Latin American markets such as China and Brazil, where they each have ramped up operations to counter lackluster growth in weak European markets.

But although a combined firm will allow for more pricing power in general, the decrease in competition could present regulatory hurdles in the U.S. and Eu-

rope. Client conflicts also could be an issue, as rivals such as Coca-Cola Co., PepsiCo, McDonald's, Yum Brands' Taco Bell, Johnson & Johnson and Procter & Gamble now find themselves under the same umbrella.

Omnicom Group Inc., based in New York, owns BBDO Worldwide, DDB Worldwide Communications Group and TBWA Worldwide, among other agencies. Paris-based Publicis Groupe SA runs its namesake agency as well as Leo Burnett Worldwide, Saatchi & Saatchi and DigitasLBi. Their merger creates a company with combined annual revenue of about \$23 billion, leapfrogging them over current London-based industry leader WPP PLC.

For the first year, Omnicom Chairman Bruce Crawford will serve as non-executive chairman of the new company. He will be succeeded

ed by Elisabeth Badinter, the current Publicis Groupe chairwoman, and daughter of its founder, for the second year.

Levy is slated to take the non-executive chairman's seat after 30 months, leaving Wren to continue as sole CEO from that point.

Omnicom, which also owns public relations firms such as Fleishman-Hillard, Porter Novelli and Ketchum, reported 2012 profit of nearly \$1 billion on revenue of \$14.22 billion. Earlier this month, the Madison Avenue giant posted second-quarter earnings that

topped analysts' average forecast, though revenue growth of 2 percent fell just short of expectations.

Founded in 1986, Omnicom generates just over half of its revenue from U.S. clients, and about one-quarter from European and British markets combined. The company's stock has risen 31 percent in the last 12 months, recently peaking at \$67.43 on the New York Stock Exchange.

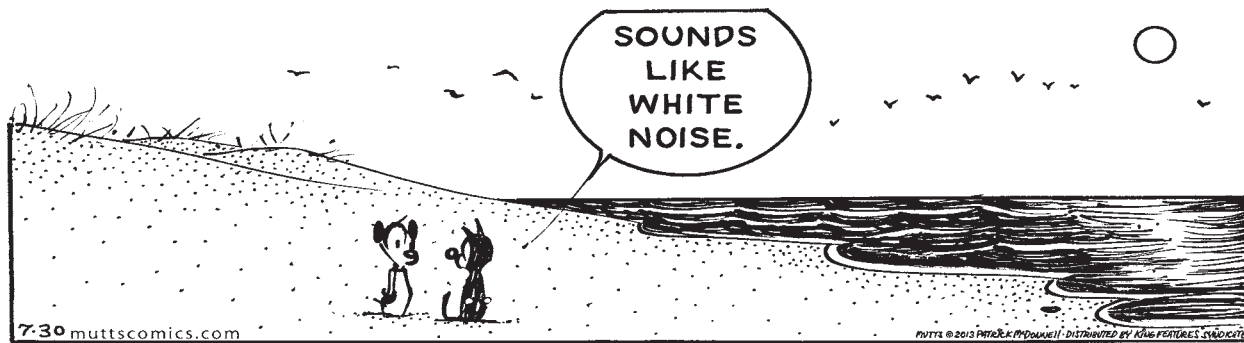
Omnicom will benefit from Publicis' strategic shift in the last few years toward digital operations, as the French company beefed up its digital marketing profile with the acquisitions of Digitas, Razorfish, Rosetta, Big Fuel and LBi. Publicis, which had revenue of \$8.78 billion in 2012, had targeted generating 75 percent of its revenue in digital and fast-growing countries by 2018, according to a recent investor presentation. □



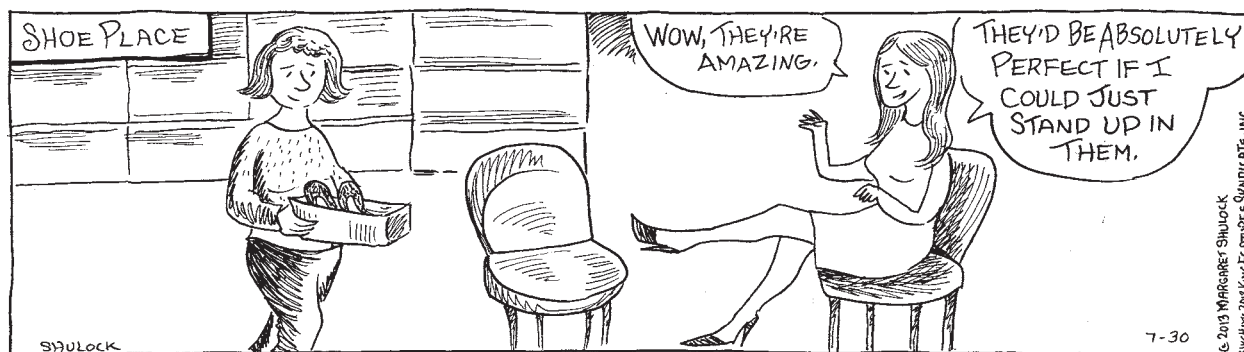
Maurice Levy, left, Chief Executive of French advertising group Publicis, and John Wren, head of Omnicom Group exchange a pencil during a joint signature prior to a news conference in Paris, France, Sunday, July 28, 2013. Publicis and Omnicom have announced merger plans to create the world's biggest advertising group.

(AP Photo/Francois Mori)

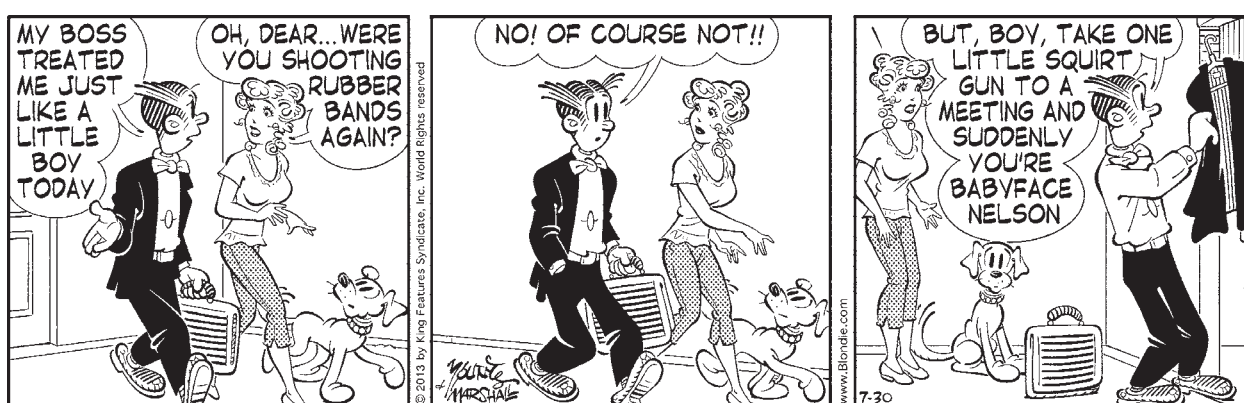
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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

Yesterday's puzzle answer

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ACROSS

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- 5 Strike noisily
- 10 Foul film
- 14 Villain
- 15 Bridal path
- 16 Additionally
- 17 Smokey or Yogi
- 18 Phys. therapy
- 19 Gas or coal, for example
- 20 Asner and Kennedy
- 22 Ghoulish
- 24 Faux __; social blunder
- 25 Not smashed
- 26 Monastery
- 29 That girl
- 30 Ross or Rigg
- 34 Chums
- 35 Mr. Rickles
- 36 Diminish
- 37 Long __; in the distant past
- 38 Entertained sumptuously
- 40 Is able to
- 41 Population count
- 43 Peg for Els
- 44 Bull: Sp.
- 45 Firstborn of two
- 46 Cow's remark
- 47 "Sweet __ From Pike"
- 48 Toil
- 50 Caspian or Red
- 51 Tinier
- 54 __ land; arrived the shore
- 58 Sharpen
- 59 Jefferson's VP
- 61 Bee colony
- 62 Trip __; stumble on
- 63 Thick slices
- 64 " __ go brag!"
- 65 Church seats
- 66 Upright
- 67 __ on; trust

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Monday's Puzzle Solved

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- 2 Elderly
- 3 Sketch
- 4 Latin shawls

- 5 Hospital sections
- 6 Hurries
- 7 Bit of soot
- 8 Noisy shouting
- 9 Shish __; BBQ favorite
- 10 Hunting expeditions
- 11 Black card
- 12 Drug addict
- 13 Internal spy
- 21 Sunbeam
- 23 Gave up land
- 25 Hatch or Boxer
- 26 Quickly
- 27 Baked doughnut-shaped roll
- 28 Hair color
- 29 Member of the swine family
- 31 Noted English racecourse
- 32 Approaches
- 33 Rile
- 35 __ Moines, IA
- 36 Actor Majors
- 38 Of the countryside
- 39 Zodiac lion
- 42 Actor Peter __
- 44 Instructor
- 46 Sense of self-esteem
- 47 Actress Arthur
- 49 "Beauty and the __"
- 50 Good judgment
- 51 Small store
- 52 Relocate
- 53 Once more
- 54 Steals from
- 55 Bring on board
- 56 Wicked
- 57 Declare untrue
- 60 Galloped

Can parodies rescue the porn business?

JOHN ROGERS
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES (AP) — We all know he can leap tall buildings in a single bound and bend steel in his bare hands. So perhaps it should come as no surprise that during a time of crisis even the porn industry is turning

comic-book geeks find authentic. The movies may also help save an industry looking to rebound from years of Internet piracy, illegal downloads and amateur videos that have caused a serious financial hit, said Mark Kernes, senior editor



This undated photo shows Kimberly Kane as Wonder Woman in "Wonder Woman XXX: A Porn Parody" directed by Axel Braun. (AP Photo/Vivid Entertainment Group)

to Superman. The same week in June that Warner Bros. released the Superman blockbuster "Man of Steel," Vivid Entertainment Group put out its own superhero flick, "Man of Steel XXX: A Porn Parody." Although it's safe to assume that "Steel XXX" didn't quite match the \$116.6 million opening weekend of the Warner Bros. hit, if it performs anything like 2010's "Batman XXX: A Porn Parody," it will become the most-rented and highest-selling porn video of the year. At a cost of more than \$100,000, it will also be one of the most expensive porn movies made. Parodies, once a cheaply filmed niche segment of the adult movie market, are big business these days — filled with expensive special effects, real story lines, actors who can (sometimes) actually act and costumes that even

at Adult Video News. The business has gone from annual revenues of as much as \$12 billion a few years ago to about \$7 billion today. "We certainly do have a problem with piracy ... and sadly no one seems to be able to do anything about it," said Kernes. But now Superman is coming to the rescue, along with Batman, Iron Man and Spider-Man. All four have taken star turns in full-length, slickly produced films that include hard-core crime fighting and, well, other hard-core scenes — although milder versions were made of some of the same films. Neither the makers of the mainstream movies nor comic book writer and Iron Man creator Stan Lee wanted to comment. A person who answered the phone at Lee's office said he doubted Lee had heard of the parodies, and then hung up. Lee, himself,

didn't respond to an email. Marvel Comics also did not respond to requests for comment. Warner Bros.' DC Entertainment Division, which makes the Superman and Batman films, had no comment, said spokeswoman Courtney Simmons. Since the trend toward superhero parodies began three years ago, no porn company making them has been sued. For years the courts have ruled that parodies, like other forms of speech, are protected by the First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution. "Mainstream porn, from a copyright protection, from a First Amendment protection, is essentially the same as any other form of written expression," said entertainment lawyer David Ginsburg, who is executive director of the UCLA School of Law's entertainment, media and intellectual property law program. □

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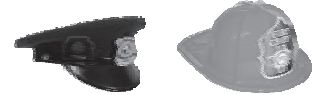
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Study: MERS virus may be deadlier than SARS

MARIA CHENG

AP Medical Writer

LONDON (AP) — The new respiratory virus that emerged in the Middle East last year appears to make people sicker faster than SARS, but doesn't seem to spread as easily, according to the latest detailed look at about four dozen cases in Saudi Arabia.

Since last September, the World Health Organization has confirmed 90 cases of MERS, the Middle East respiratory syndrome, including 45 deaths.

Most cases have been in Saudi Arabia, but the mysterious virus has also been identified in countries including Jordan, Qatar, Britain, France, Germany, Italy and Tunisia. MERS is related to SARS and the two diseases have similar symptoms including a fever, cough and muscle pain.

"At the moment, the virus is still confined (to the Middle East)," said Dr. Christian Drosten of the University of Bonn Medical Centre in Germany, who wrote an accompanying commentary. "But this is a coronavirus and we know coronaviruses are able to cause pandemics."

Coronaviruses are a family of viruses that mostly cause respiratory infections like the common cold, but it also includes SARS, the virus that killed about 800 people in a 2003 global outbreak.

MERS is distantly related to SARS but there are major differences between the two. Unlike SARS, MERS can cause rapid kidney failure and doesn't seem as infectious.

Drosten said the upcoming hajj in October — where millions of Muslim pilgrims will visit Saudi Arabia, where



This undated electron microscope image made available by the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases - Rocky Mountain Laboratories shows novel coronavirus particles, also known as the MERS virus.

Associated Press

the virus is still spreading — is worrisome. On Thursday, WHO said in a statement that the risk of an individual traveler to Mecca catching MERS was considered "very low." The agency does not recommend any travel or trade restrictions or entry screening for the hajj.

In the latest study, researchers found 42 of the 47 cases in Saudi Arabia needed intensive care. Of those, 34 patients deteriorated so badly within a week they needed a breathing machine.

That was up to five days earlier than was the case with SARS. Most of the MERS cases were in older men with underlying health problems, as one of the biggest outbreaks was among dialysis patients at several hospitals. The re-

search was published Friday in the journal, *Lancet Infectious Diseases*. Ali Zumla, one of the paper's co-authors and a professor of infectious diseases at University College London, said in an email that the rapid deterioration of patients was "not worrying at all since the numbers are small" and most of the patients had other health problems.

Drosten, however, said that could be bad news. "That could mean the virus is more virulent and that (doctors) have a smaller window of opportunity to intervene and treat patients," he said. Detecting MERS fast could be a problem since quick diagnostic tests aren't available.

Last week, WHO declared there was not yet enough evidence to classify MERS as a public health emergency after setting up an emergency committee to keep a closer eye on the virus.

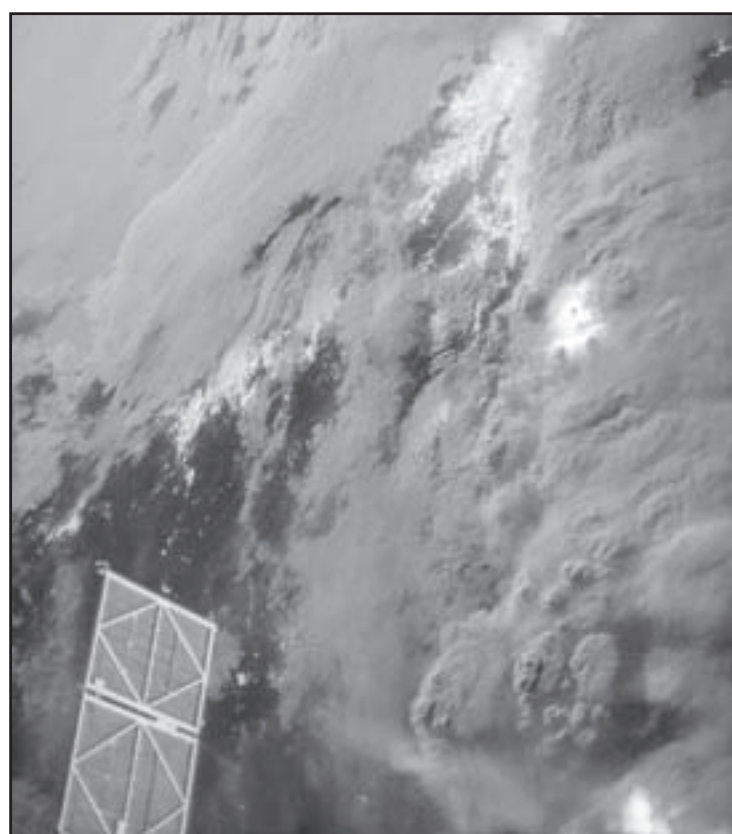
Zumla said it was "very unlikely" that MERS would ignite a pandemic. He noted officials were increasingly picking up mild cases of the disease, suggesting reported cases were only the tip of the iceberg. Identifying

more mild or asymptomatic cases could indicate the virus is more widespread, but it's unclear if those infected people might be able to spread the disease further. MERS also appears to be mainly affecting men; nearly 80 percent of the cases in the new study were men. Drosten said there might be a cultural explanation for that.

"Women in the (Middle East) region tend to have their mouths covered with at least two layers of cloth," he said, referring to the veils worn by women in Saudi Arabia. "If the coronavirus is being spread by droplets, (the veils) should give women some protection."

Scientists still haven't pinpointed the source of MERS and theories have ranged from animals like goats and camels to dates infected with bat excrement. WHO says the virus is capable of spreading between people but how exactly how that happens — via coughing, sneezing or indirect physical contact — isn't known. □

Russian cargo ship docks with space station



This image provided by NASA taken by one of the crew members aboard the International Space Station photographed this night view of storm clouds over Southern California July 21, 2013.

Associated Press

MOSCOW (AP) — Russia's space agency says that its cargo ship has docked successfully with the International Space Station.

Roscosmos says the unmanned Progress M-20M spacecraft moored at the station Sunday about six hours after its launch from the Baikonur Cosmodrome in Kazakhstan. The docking was performed in automatic mode. The agency says the ship has delivered about 2.4 metric tons of supplies to the space outpost, including fuel, food, water and scientific equipment. The 2011 retirement of the U.S. shuttle fleet has left Russia's Soyuz spacecraft as the sole means to ferry crews to and from the space outpost. The unmanned cargo version of the Soyuz, the Progress, delivers the bulk of station supplies. □

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'The Wolverine' claws way to top of box office

SANDY COHEN

AP Entertainment Writer
LOS ANGELES (AP) — "The Wolverine" slashed monsters and minions to debut atop the weekend box office.

The Fox film featuring Hugh Jackman's sixth turn as the claw-wielding superhero opened with \$55 million in North America, according to studio estimates Sunday. Last weekend's top movie, Warner Bros.' low-budget horror "The Conjuring," slipped to second place, adding another \$22.1 million to its take.

"Despicable Me 2" was in third with \$16 million. The Universal animated sequel, with its cast of cute, yellow minions, has made more than \$600 million worldwide since it came out four weeks ago.

"The Wolverine," which is set in Japan and features an international cast, earned another \$86.1 million overseas.

The film's opening-week

take surpassed the \$120 million it cost to make, said Chris Aronson, Fox's head of domestic distribution.

"It's a huge opening for the clawed one," he said. "It played equally well from Maine to Maui."

Another Fox film, the animated snail-racing tale "Turbo," was in fourth place with \$13.3 million. Adam Sandler's "Grown Ups 2" followed with \$11.5 million. Woody Allen's latest, "Blue Jasmine," enjoyed a stellar opening of its own, though on a much smaller scale. Starring Cate Blanchett, the film opened in just six theaters but still collected \$612,767.

"It's one of the biggest opening per-theater averages ever for a non-animated film," said Paul Dergarabedian of box-office tracker Hollywood.com.

Ticket sales this weekend were up almost 30 percent over the same weekend last summer, he said.



This publicity image released by 20th Century Fox shows Hugh Jackman in a scene from "The Wolverine."

Associated Press

"It was a good weekend to be a moviegoer because the choices just got

a lot more interesting," Dergarabedian said, noting a mix that includes animated, independent and big-budget action offerings.

"Fruitvale Station," the Sundance festival winner al-

ready generating Oscar buzz, opened across the country and edged its way into the top 10, contributing to a summer box office that is up more than 10 percent over last year. □

Aniston says she, Theroux 'already feel married'

JOHN CARUCCI
Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — Jennifer Aniston is dismissing rumors surrounding her upcoming wedding to Justin Theroux and setting the record straight.

"We just want to do it when it's perfect, and we're not rushed, and no one is rushing from a job or rushing to a job," the 44-year-old actress told The Associated Press on Saturday while promoting her new film, "We're the Millers."

"And, you know, we already feel married," she added.

Aniston and Theroux, 41, began dating more than two years ago and got engaged on his birthday last August. Since then, their indefinite plans have led to speculation ranging from a broken engagement to Theroux getting cold feet. Not true, says Aniston.

"We have yet to set any



Actor Jason Sudeikis and actress Jennifer Aniston pose for a portrait as they promote the movie "We're the Millers" in New York, Saturday July, 27, 2012 in New York.

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dates. There have been no canceled weddings. There have been no postponed

weddings. There have been no arguments about where to get married. □

Dewan-Tatum juggling new TV show and baby

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BEVERLY HILLS, California (AP) — Jenna Dewan-Tatum is juggling a new TV series and a new baby while getting little sleep like a lot of working moms.

The actress says her husband, actor Channing Tatum, visits the Vancouver, British Columbia, location of her Lifetime series "Witches of East End" to help out with the baby. Jenna Tatum was born May 31 in London, where her father was filming the movie "Jupiter Ascending." Dewan-Tatum says the couple has a rule about not going more than two or three weeks without seeing each other.

"Witches of East End" has a female-centric cast, including Julia Ormond, and Dewan-Tatum says she's getting plenty of support. She says producers



Jenna Dewan-Tatum, a cast member in the Lifetime series "Witches of East End," answers a question onstage during the Lifetime 2013 Summer TCA press tour on Friday, July 26, 2013 in Beverly Hills, Calif.

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have been flexible with her schedule.

Her show debuts this autumn. □

'The Voice' mentors aren't looking to find a star

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BEVERLY HILLS, California (AP) — The mentors on "The Voice" may be superstars, but the consensus is it's not on them that the singing competition show has failed to find big stars such as themselves.

Adam Levine, Christina Aguilera, CeeLo Green and the show's host and producer Carson Daly addressed journalists at the Television Critics Association summer press tour. The remaining mentor, Blake Shelton, did not attend because he's on tour.

During Saturday's panel, Levine said finding a star "would be really nice" but it's not the goal.

"A lot of things have to happen in order for that to take place," he said. "I think the goal of the show is to do what we can do for these amazing singers while they're on the show ... I think that we all know that the lightning in a bottle you have to capture in order to be successful in



This image released by NBC shows, from left, Carson Daly, Adam Levine, Christina Aguilera, and CeeLo Green at a cocktail reception for "The Voice" in Beverly Hills, Calif., on Saturday, July 27, 2013. Associated Press.

this business is extraordinarily difficult. I'm not sure that that is the overall mission statement of the show."

"American Idol" producers and judges weren't shy about wanting to crank out insta-stars like Kelly Clarkson and Carrie Underwood. Its 11th season

winner Phillip Phillips has had huge radio success with songs like "Home" and "Gone, Gone, Gone." Even some finalists who haven't made a real mark in the music world like Kellie Pickler and Katharine McPhee still have name recognition and have found success in

other areas. (Pickler, who is a country singer, won the most recent season of "Dancing with the Stars." McPhee had a starring role on NBC's "Smash.") It should be noted that "American Idol" has had its flops as well. Ninth season winner Lee DeWyze's

album "Live it Up" was a major disappointment. He sold just 151,000 copies. By contrast, Javier Colon, who won season one of "The Voice," sold 46,000 copies of his first post-"Voice" album called "Come Through for You" as of last month.

Aguilera says it's unrealistic to expect someone to turn into an overnight sensation and cites her own career as an example.

"It's not like everything needs to be like boom, boom, boom, then record deal, then No. 1 success. It doesn't happen like that. It didn't happen that way for me either. Like, for instance ... my experience with 'The Mickey Mouse Club', the alumni from that show, you know, you have huge names Britney (Spears), Justin (Timberlake), Ryan Gosling, you know, all these names come from that show. But, you know, right after the show, did we rocket to success right after it? No. It takes time."

Of season four winner, Danielle Bradbery, "The Voice" host and producer Carson Daly argued that she has time on her side.

"She has eight years to figure it out, her voice, an album, whatever it might be. And in eight years she'll be the same age as Taylor Swift is right now. She's got time," he said.

Bradbery's new single "The Heart of Dixie" debuted at No. 58 on the Billboard Hot 100 and No. 16 on the country charts.

When asked about the show's ratings decline when its star judges are featured less, the panel seemed a bit irked.

"Isn't the show like huge, though?" asked Levine.

"The show is huge, yes," answered Daly.

"So what's he talking about?" asked Levine, referring to the journalist's question.

To their credit, "The Voice" is a successful TV show. It's nominated in the Outstanding Reality Program Emmy Award category for a second year in a row.

"The Voice" returns for its fifth season on Sept. 23. □

Blair Underwood back on TV starring in 'Ironside'



Actor Blair Underwood arrives at the NBC 2013 summer press tour at the Beverly Hilton Hotel on Saturday, July 27, 2013 in Beverly Hills, Calif.

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BEVERLY HILLS, California (AP) — Blair Underwood is returning to series television in a remake of "Ironside," which shares few similarities with the original series that

starred Raymond Burr.

The character's name and job as a detective are the same, and he uses a wheelchair after being paralyzed from the waist down.

In a nod to Burr, Underwood's character ends the

day by sipping a glass of bourbon.

"Everything else is re-imagined. All new characters, a new city, new texture, new storytelling, new audience," Underwood told the Television Critics Association on Saturday. "It's a crime drama wrapped in a character study."

The original series, set in San Francisco, ran on NBC from 1967-75. The reboot is based in New York City and filmed in Los Angeles. NBC has ordered 13 episodes of the show that debuts Oct. 2.

Underwood said he got used to the wheelchair by using one at home while learning his lines. The role is especially meaningful to him because his mother, Marilyn, is in a wheelchair as the result of multiple sclerosis.

In preparing for the part, Underwood has been working with technical adviser David Bryant, who became a paraplegic after a skiing accident at 19.

Bryant's self-sufficiency inspires the new "Ironside" incarnation, with the handles on the character's wheelchair removed just as they are on Bryant's chair.

"It's something I had to delve into and continue to delve into as often as possible," Underwood said. "Our job is to make you believe it and be authentic in that."

Ironside's personal life is noticeably spicier than it was on the old show, too.

"What David told me is every injury is unique, and everybody is different depending on where it affects your spinal cord," Underwood said. "So, yes, in Ironside's case, he is able." Underwood returns to TV after a stint on Broadway last year. The 48-year-old actor has a long history on NBC, including a breakout role in "L.A. Law."

His co-stars include Spencer Grammer, the oldest daughter of Kelsey Grammer, a star on the NBC hits "Cheers" and "Frasier." □

Windsors Versus Weiner



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I am beginning to think a royal family might come in handy. True, the endless, action-deprived run-up to the birth of George, Prince of Cambridge, might have reminded the dispassionate observer of the wait for the arrival of a new baby panda. (What do you think they'll name him? Do you want to buy a souvenir T-shirt?) But while Britain was waiting for the newest Windsor to pop, here in New York, we were waiting for the other shoe of the Anthony Weiner sexting scandal to drop. The British got a way better deal. "I said there were more things out there," the fallen congressman turned mayoral candidate told reporters rather petulantly, when word got out that he had been having Internet sex long after his alleged rehabilitation was supposed to have begun. The basic message was that since Weiner had never specifically denied the possibility of more scandals, this one didn't count. ("It doesn't represent all that much that is new.") The revelation did have its moments of perverse fascination. Weiner's nom de porn was Carlos Danger. We have never had a mayor with an official alter ego. Would it need a separate office? Maybe this is something other mayors would want to consider. Michael Bloomberg would probably want to be something like Horatio Health. Also, it appears that Weiner's long speeches in Congress about the single-payer plan might also have been a kind of mating call. "Your health care rants were a huge turn-on," wrote the woman who reputedly talked dirty with him online. You have to wonder whether there's a right-wing equivalent currently texting some House Republican about how she gets hot and bothered every time he votes to cut entitlements. Still, there is a point in political scandals when bad behavior stops being a joke and just becomes sad and depressing. We have reached that point with Anthony Weiner. Who decided to run for mayor while knowing this was the almost inevitable outcome: new humiliation, public uproar, tragic wife. All because he cannot imagine life outside the limelight. This is where the advantage of a royal family comes in. If we had some famous figureheads

at the top of the government, maybe politics would become less about celebrity and attract fewer needy egos. The great thing about the British royals is that they manage to be both glamorous and dull at the same time. (Kate's hair and Will's lack thereof. The bad-boy brother and the 87-year-old grandmother.) Every milepost of their lives is a cause for endless burbling. And it's all good. Even the overexposed three-week media campout at the hospital's maternity ward had a kind of train-wreck fascination. There is something inherently compelling in watching commentators forced to comment day after day without a single piece of information. Or a thought more exciting than whether Lupo the family spaniel would welcome the new arrival. (The British magazine *Tatler* named Lupo one of the "fifty most fascinating people in the country" earlier this year. Everybody works in that family.) The closest thing we have to a royal family is the one belonging to the president, and presidents tend to be middle-aged men who produce very few family milestones. Even when they do, the country's reaction is sometimes remarkably surly. Only one president has ever gotten married or welcomed a new child in the White House. And that was - yes! - Grover Cleveland, one of the most unexciting personalities ever to hold the job. He married his much-younger wife, Frances, early in his first term. By the end of his second, they had three daughters. The country loved the first lady. But it responded to the president's glad tidings with wild, dark rumors, one of which was that his daughters had been born with deformities because Grover had beaten his wife while she was pregnant. During one of her last public receptions, Frances Cleveland told the nanny to bring in her daughter Ruth so the public could see that she "was not minus legs, arms or fingers." John Tyler and Woodrow Wilson got married while they were president, without the White House ceremony. The public thought Wilson should have spent more time mourning his deceased first wife. Tyler couldn't even get renominated by his party. Right now on television, the president and first lady on the hyper-popular "Scandal" have announced the arrival of "America's baby." The nation seems pleased. But nobody is going to live happily ever after. It really does make sense to breed a totally separate group of people just for the purpose of creating feel-good news and enough bad behavior for diverting gossip. Then maybe the attention-starved guys who are looking for love in all the wrong places would stick to hedge funds or football. It's a win-win. Except for the price, although a monarchy would still be way cheaper than cotton subsidies. □



A Policy Of Rape Continues



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ABGADAM REFUGEE CAMP, Chad - Kaltouma Ahmed cried softly as she told why she fled Darfur this spring: Armed men in uniforms attacked her village, shooting her 13-year-old son dead, burning her home and then stripping and raping her. As the men raped her, she said, they shouted insults against her ethnic group, the Salamat Arabs. "We'll exterminate the Salamat men, and Salamat women will become slaves," she quoted one of the attackers as saying. Darfur isn't in the headlines anymore, partly because there has been a lull in the killing in recent years and partly because so much else is happening worldwide. The Sudanese government, which tends to calibrate its brutality to the degree of attention it receives, is taking advantage of the lack of scrutiny by stepping up its decadelong campaign in Darfur of mass murder, burned villages and sexual violence. We're at the 10-year-anniversary of the beginning of the genocide in Darfur, yet, instead of subsiding, it has been amplified this year. Just in the first five months of 2013, according to the United Nations, another 300,000 people in Darfur have been driven from their homes - and untold numbers killed or raped.

Rape happens all over the world, of course, but, for 10 years, the Sudanese government has used rape as a weapon of war to humiliate the ethnic groups that it targets. This strategy is effective because it terrifies villagers into fleeing and is so stigmatizing that women are extremely reluctant to talk about it. Yet six brave women who are refugees from just one Darfur village, AbJaradil, were courageous enough to speak out about having been raped. They say that it is their way of fighting back. Timoma Abdurahman, 25, said that her ordeal began when armed men in Sudanese military uniforms from the government-backed Miseryia tribe surrounded her house. "You Salamat are slaves," she recalls a leader of the attackers shouting. "This land does not belong to you." As Timoma watched, the attackers then killed her father. "They ran over him with a vehicle, over and over, until he was dead," she said, breaking down. When she had composed herself, she continued her story: She and her sister were then force-marched to a military camp and raped, as attackers mocked them and the Salamat tribe. This is the last stop on my annual win-a-trip journey, in which I take a student with me on a reporting trip to the developing world. The winner, Erin Luhmann of the University of Wisconsin, and I interviewed these brave survivors from Darfur here at the Abgadarm Refugee Camp in eastern Chad. (You can read Erin's reports from the trip, and see her video on my blog at nytimes.com/ontheground.) I began the win-a-trip journeys in 2006 partly out of hope of encouraging university students to pay more attention to genocide in Darfur. I would never have imagined that these mass atrocities would be continuing in 2013. The standard refrain after such episodes is "if only we had known" - well, we've

known about Darfur for 10 years, and hundreds of thousands of deaths have ensued. The survivors whom Erin and I interviewed say that the Sudanese government is behind the attacks, noting that many of the attackers wore government-issued military uniforms and arrived in trucks with mounted machine guns, sometimes with government license plates. And, after all, this is the same script that Sudan's president, Omar Hassan al-Bashir, has followed for a decade all across Darfur (and, before that, in South Sudan and the Nuba Mountains). Granted, there are no magic wands to end the horrors of Darfur, but groups like the Enough Project have outlined solid proposals to put pressure on Sudan. Bipartisan legislation now in Congress - the Sudan Peace, Security and Accountability Act of 2013 - might help. Even speeches, news coverage and other expressions of international interest tend to curb the brutality a bit. And Sudan's leaders are particularly sensitive to revelations about their policy of rape. So let's hope that these women's courage and outspokenness will lead us to find our own voices. Jawahir, a 17-year-old Salamat girl, said that three men, wearing military uniforms and carrying guns, had taken turns raping her during 11 hours of captivity. One held her arms, another her legs, while the third raped her. "We're going to finish off the Salamat this year," she quoted one of the attackers as telling her. It has been three months since then, and Jawahir said she still has health problems related to the attack. "My fiancé knows the situation," she said. "He's a long way away, so we don't know if he'll accept me or not." I asked Jawahir how she found the courage to speak about such a taboo subject. "This is something that happened," she said. "So people should know. I want the world to know." □

Bell dedicated to Hitler causes a stir in Austria

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VIENNA (AP) — Like many others in Austria's countryside, a tower bell above the red-tiled rooftops of Wolfpassing village marks the passing of each hour with an unspectacular "bong." But this bell is unique: It is embossed with a swastika and praise to Adolf Hitler. And unlike more visible remnants of the Nazi era, the bell was apparently overlooked by official Austria up to now. Ensclosed in the belfry of an ancient castle where it was mounted by fans of the Nazi dictator in 1939, the bell has tolled on for nearly 80 years. It survived the defeat of Hitler's Germany, a decade of post-war Soviet occupation that saw Red Army soldiers lodge in the castle and more recent efforts by Austria's government to acknowledge the country's complicity in crimes of that era and make amends.

Some of those efforts have focused on identifying relics of that time and ensuring they're either removed or put in historical context. As an example, officials often cite government moral and material support for the restoration of the Mauthausen concentration camp, where a museum documents atrocities for school children and other visitors.

The Wolfpassing bell pays homage to Hitler for his 1938 annexation of Austria, a move supported back then by the vast majority of the nation's citizens. It describes Hitler as "the unifier and Fuehrer of all Germans" and says he freed the "Ostmark" — Nazi jargon for Austria — "from the yoke of suppression by foreign elements and brought it home into the Great-German Reich."

Local historian Johannes Kammerstaetter says most villagers would have known about it. But

village mayor Josef Sonnleitner asserts even the villagers had no clue until the first media reports last month on the "Fuehrerglocke," or "Fuehrer Bell." "Nobody cared until all this publicity," he said on the telephone. He refused a request for a longer interview, saying he was busy for the next two weeks with haying.

In any case, the government's recent sale of the castle — with all its historical trappings — has suddenly made the bell an issue beyond the sleepy village of 1,500 people about 100 kilometers (60 miles) west of Vienna.

In a country particularly sensitive about suggestions it has not fully faced its Nazi past, officials are scrambling for explanations of why the bell apparently evaded notice



This Oct. 21, 2004 photo shows a bell with Adolf Hitler's name on it in the castle of Wolfpassing, Austria. Ensclosed in the belfry of an ancient castle where it was mounted by fans of the Nazi dictator in 1939, the bell has tolled on for nearly 80 years.

(AP Photo/Hannes Kammerstaetter)



Raimund Fastenbauer, a senior official of Vienna's Jewish community, speaks during an interview with The Associated Press in Vienna about the bell with Adolf Hitler's name on it in the castle of Wolfpassing, Austria. "I think the best thing would be if the bell disappeared and was buried somewhere," Fastenbauer says.

(AP Photo/Hans Punz)

for so long. They also are under pressure to justify a ruling by the government agency in charge of historic monuments that it must remain part of the castle as part of its heritage—despite the refusal of the new owner to say what he plans to do with it. Propagating Nazi values or praising the era is illegal in Austria. Kammerstaetter, the historian, has formally asked state prosecutors to examine whether the government's sale of the bell is a criminal offense. He says the change of ownership could constitute a case of "spreading National Socialist ideology" on the part of the government agency in charge of state-owned property Raimund Fastenbauer, a senior official of Vienna's Jewish community, invokes other concerns, noting that other Hitler-era relics like the dictator's house of birth in the western town of Braunau have become a magnet for neo-Nazis. "I think the best thing would be if the bell disappeared and was buried somewhere," he says.

For its part, the government says that the sale was legal, along with the decision to keep the bell in the belfry as an integral

component of the castle. Economics Minister Reinhold Mitterlehner says the agency overseeing the sale was not aware of the inscription.

He notes in a letter to Kammerstaetter that "the bell up to now was neither publicly displayed nor generally accessible," adding that he does not see the sale as constituting a criminal offense. Ernst Eichinger, a spokesman for the agency responsible for government real-estate, says that with a portfolio of more than 28,000 buildings — many of them huge — "we cannot search every centimeter" before a sale.

Concerns are heightened by the lack of clarity about what the new owner, Tobias Hufnagl, plans to do with the relict. Two web domains linked to him or his holding company, hufnagl.cc and thinvestments.com, did not open. Sonnleitner, the Wolfpassing mayor, says has not been able to directly contact Hufnagl, despite weeks of trying.

In a terse email this week responding to numerous Associated Press queries seeking permission to film the bell and asking about its fate, Hufnagl said he had "no interest" in exchanges with the AP. □